

Fanwort

Cabomba caroliniana

Species of Union concern



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Invasive species native to America. **Not very common** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **fresh, stagnant** or **slow-moving** waters often rich in **nutrients**



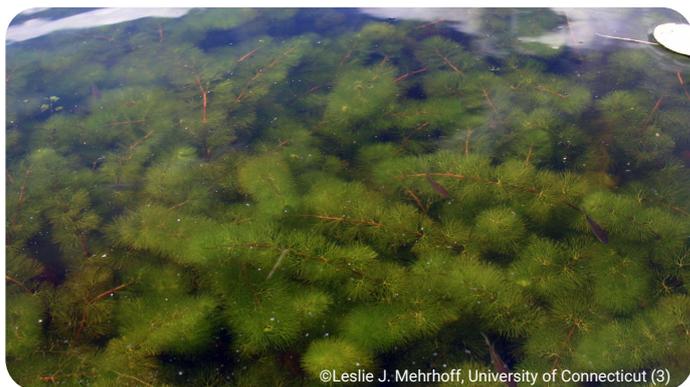
Aquatic or **semi-aquatic** plant, entirely **submerged**, except for the flowers. Stems can be up to 10 m long

Fan-shaped leaves (dichotomous branching) with a long petiole



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Forms dense mats



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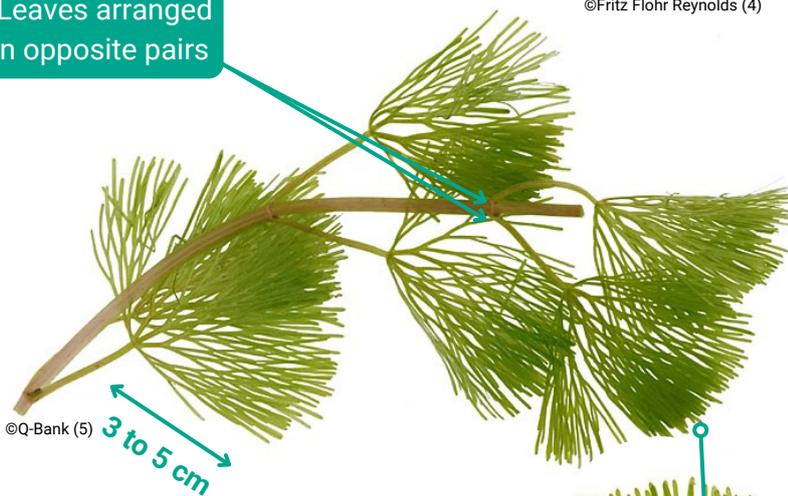
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Small flowers (0,5 to 2 cm in diameter) of variable colours, but yellow in the center



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Leaves arranged in opposite pairs



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3 to 5 cm

Forked leaves with rounded tips



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Not to be confused with



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Myriophyllum spp. - Exotic

- Leaves arranged in whorls
- Pinnate leaves

Ranunculus spp. - Native

- Alternate leaf arrangement
- Short petioles



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Ceratophyllum spp. - Native

- Leaves arranged in whorls
- "Fork-shaped" leaves
- Leaves slightly thorny, rough to the touch



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