

# Curly waterweed

*Lagarosiphon major*

Species of Union concern



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

Found in **fresh, stagnant or slow-moving** waters



**Submerged** aquatic plant. Can measure **a few centimeters** to **several meters** long



Forms **dense mats** just below the surface of the water



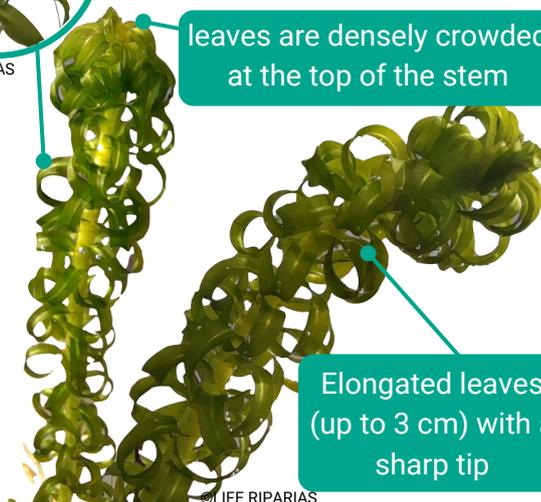
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Alternate and spiral leaf arrangement, only visible at the base of the stem



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leaves are densely crowded at the top of the stem



Elongated leaves (up to 3 cm) with a sharp tip

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## Not to be confused with

### *Egeria densa* - Exotic

- Soft elongated strap-shaped leaves, up to 4 cm long
- Leaves are in whorls of 4 to 5, very close to each other
- Large white flowers



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### *Elodea canadensis* - Exotic

- Short rigid leaves (< 2 cm) with rounded tips and finely serrated margins
- Leaves occur in whorls of 3 (sometimes 2 to 4), fairly spaced along the stem



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### *Elodea nuttallii* - Exotic

- Leaves occur in whorls of 3 (sometimes 2 to 4)
- Elongated leaves (up to 2.5 cm), soft and curved, with a sharp tip



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### *Hydrilla verticillata* - Exotic

- Sharp leaves with marked serrated margins, up to 2 cm long
- Leaves occur in whorls of 5 (sometimes 4 to 8)



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