

Parrot's feather

Myriophyllum aquaticum

Species of Union concern



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Invasive species native to Central and South America. **Widespread** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **stagnant or slow-moving freshwater**. Prefers **shallow waters and muddy substrates**



Aquatic and semi-aquatic plant, entirely submerged in spring and forming **emergent stems** in summer

Pectinate leaves occurring in whorls. Emergent leaves are blue-green in colour



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Forms **dense mats**



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Emergent part: 14-40 cm

Submerged light-green leaves which appear feather-like. From 2,5 to 3,5 cm long



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Tiny white flowers occurring on the leaf axils on the emergent stem



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Robust stem, green at the top and reddish at the base

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Not to be confused with



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Myriophyllum rubricaulum - Exotic

- Less robust plant
- Stem is entirely red
- Pink flowers

Hippuris vulgaris - Native

- Entire leaves in whorls of 6 to 12
- Stem emerging up to 30 cm above the surface
- Looks like miniature Christmas trees



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Myriophyllum spp. - Native

- Entirely submerged plant
- Leaves divided into 3 to 14 leaflet pairs
- Internodes of the same length as leaves or of half of the leaf length



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