

# New Zealand pigmyweed

*Crassula helmsii*

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Invasive species native to Australia and New Zealand.

**Widespread** in the wild in Belgium

Found on **the bottom** (up to 3 m deep) and on the **banks of ponds**



**Aquatic and semi-aquatic** plant, **submerged or partly emerged**. From 10 to 20 cm high

Linear fleshy leaves with acute tips, arranged in opposite pairs. Up to 2 cm long



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Creeping plant forming **dense mats**



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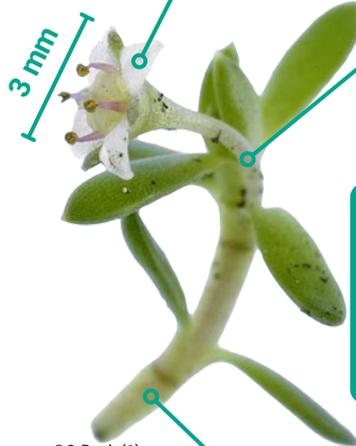
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Very small flowers, often absent, with 4 white petals

Emerged plants: fleshy leaves growing in opposite pairs, joined around the stem forming a collar



3 mm

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Round and rigid stem

Submerged plants: long stem carrying thin leaves



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## Not to be confused with



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### *Callitriche* spp. - Native

- Petiolate leaves, flexible and not fleshy
- Obtuse and indented leaf tips
- Tiny golden flowers

### *Lythrum portula* - Native

- Round and opposite leaves which are not fleshy
- Tiny flowers placed at the base of the leaves



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### *Montia fontana* - Native

- Fleshy, opposite and oval leaves not joining at the base
- Small white flowers with 5 petals



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