

# *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*

## Common names:

Variable-leaf watermilfoil  
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Two-leaf watermilfoil

## Origin:

Southern United States

## Key features:

Plants are submersed

**Stems:** Dark brown stems extend to the water's surface and spread to form large mats

**Leaves:** Triangular with  $\leq 11$  pairs of leaflets. Leaves are dissected and whorled (4-6 leaves/whorl) resulting in a feathery appearance with leaf whorls  $< 1$  inch apart giving it a ropy appearance

**Flowers:** Inflorescence spike 2-14 inches (5-35 cm) long extend beyond the water's surface with flowers in whorls of four with reddish petals

**Fruits/Seeds:** Fruits are almost round, with a rough surface

**Reproduction:** Fragmentation and seeds

## Easily confused species:

Eurasian watermilfoil: *Myriophyllum spicatum*

Low watermilfoil: *Myriophyllum humile*



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Variable-leaf milfoil

