

# Eurasian Water-Milfoil

(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



Non-native



*Highly invasive plant, able to form dense mats near the surface that entangle motor boat propellers and interfere with swimming. Spread by watercraft and trailers.*

- Delicate feather-like leaves. Leaflets are mostly the same length.
- Leaves are usually limp when out of water.
- Leaves arranged in whorls (circles) of 3 to 5 around stem.

- Usually 12 to 21 leaflet pairs per leaf.



- Long spaghetti-like stems.

*If you suspect a new infestation, report it to your local DNR service center.*

# Northern Water-Milfoil

(*Myriophyllum sibiricum*)



*One of the seven native milfoils found in Wisconsin.  
A valuable plant that offers shade, shelter and  
foraging opportunities for fish.*

- Rigid feather-like leaves forming a Christmas tree shape. The lower leaflets are usually quite long.
- Leaves usually stiff when out of water.
- Leaves arranged in whorls (circles) of 4 to 6 around stem.
- Usually 7 to 10 leaflet pairs per leaf.
- Stem is usually whitish or whitish green in color.



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