





NORTHERN WATERMILFOIL

Myriophyllum sibiricum

Habitat Preference

Found in soft to hard lakes, ponds and slow-moving rivers with sandy or boggy bottoms. Mostly in less than 5 feet deep water.

Characteristics

Vegetative

Submersed, feather-like fanned leaves. Leaves whorled along the stem, usually 4 leaves in a whorls. 5-12 leaflets on each side of the midstem.

Flowers

Pink female flowers and white male flowers, 4 petals. 4 seeds enclosed in the fruit, 2-3 millimeters long with 4 smooth lobes.

Ecological Contributions to Lake Champlain

- Provides nutrients to waterfowl (leaves and fruit).
- Decomposition by bacteria and fungi provides food (called "detritus") for many aquatic invertebrates .
- Traps detritus and provides invertebrate habitat, shade, and shelter.



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