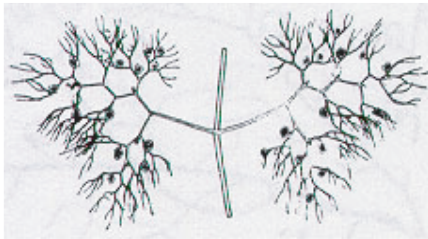


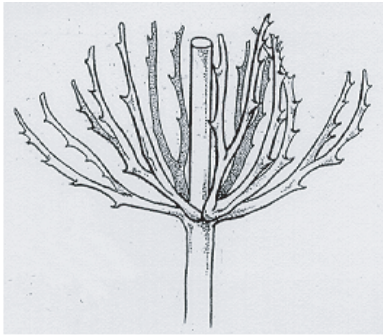
# Invasive Aquatic Plant Volunteer Monitoring Program

## *Common Look Alike Plants*

The four plants below are commonly confused. They illustrate the importance of carefully observing structural differences when distinguishing one plant from another.



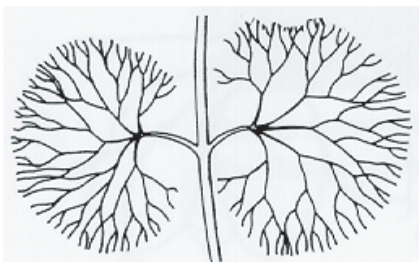
**Bladderwort:** (Native) Leaves are finely divided in a branching pattern along the main stem of the plant. Small bladders occur along the branches of the leaves



**Coontail:** (Native) Forked leaves are arranged in whorls along the stem. The leaves may be forked once or twice, and the leaf margins are usually finely toothed.



**Eurasian watermilfoil:** (Invasive) Leaves are arranged in whorls of three to six, with 12-34 pairs of thread-like leaflets on each leaf. Tips of leaves typically blunt, or "snipped" in appearance.



**Fanwort:** (Invasive) Leaves are arranged in opposite pairs on the main stem. A distinct petiole branches off the main stem of the plant. This petiole supports the finely divided, branched leaves that resemble a fan.