

Invasive Aquatic Plant Volunteer Monitoring Program

Mistakable Milfoils

Native milfoils commonly found in the Adirondack Park

1 *Myriophyllum farwellii*

Distinguishing Characteristics:

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- Closely spaced, scattered leaves (whorled and alternating) that give the plant a "bushy appearance"
- Produces rigid fruit (small seeds) in the leaf axils

2 *Myriophyllum humile*

Distinguishing Characteristics:

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- Leaves are strictly arranged alternately
- Produces smooth fruit in the leaf axils.

3 *Myriophyllum alterniflorum*

Distinguishing Characteristics:

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- Smaller leaves than all other milfoils.
- Produces flower spikes that have alternate rather than whorled flowers and bracts

4 *Myriophyllum verticillatum*

Distinguishing Characteristics:

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- Fruits have bracts that are lobed, flowers emerge from the waters surface.
- Produces winter buds that are submersed.

5 *Myriophyllum sibiricum*

Distinguishing Characteristics:

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- Leaves are whorled
- Leaflets are fewer than 9

