

*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*

# Variable-Leaf - Milfoil

Other common names: variable watermilfoil  
and two-leaf watermilfoil

Haloragaceae, the watermilfoil family

Category: **EDRR**



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Submersed perennial with feather-like leaves; very similar to Eurasian watermilfoil
- Leaves are arranged around the stem in whorls of 4 to 6
- Leaves are dissected and generally have 11 or less leaflet pairs; typically limp when removed from water
- Flowers have reddish petals and arrange in whorls on emergent 2-14 inch inflorescence spikes

## Background

- Native to southern United States
- Inhabits slow moving waters such as rivers, ponds, lakes, and ditches
- Reproduces by stem fragments and seeds
- Forms dense mats of vegetation on the water's surface
- Out-competes native vegetation; impedes navigation and recreation

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