

Egeria densa

Brazilian Elodea

Other common names:
egeria, Brazilian waterweed, anacharis

Hydrocharitaceae, the waterweed family

Category: **EDRR**



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Submerged aquatic perennial with slender branched stems
- Leaves in whorls of 3 to 6, linear to oblong, 1-1 ¼ inches long and ⅛ inch wide
- Finely toothed leaf margins with a toothless leaf midrib
- Flowers with 3 white petals ⅓ inch long

Background

- Native to South America; introduced as an aquarium plant
- Inhabits canals, rivers, ponds, lakes, and reservoirs
- Reproduces by stem fragments, forms dense mats at the water surface, and out-competes native vegetation
- Dense growth impedes swimming, boating, and other recreational activities

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