

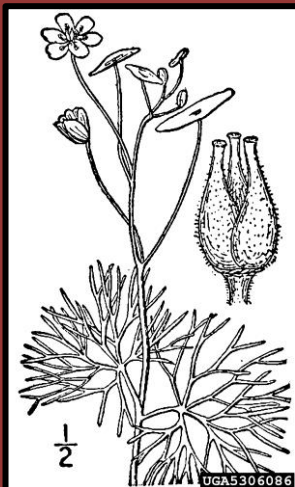
*Cabomba caroliniana*

# Fanwort

Other common names:  
Cabomba

Cabombaceae, the water shields and fanwort family

Category: **EDRR**



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Aquatic submerged perennial; multi-branched and rooted in sediment
- Stems can grow up to 30 feet in length
- Underwater leaves are 1-2 inches, opposite, fan-shaped, and deeply dissected
- Surface leaves are 2 inches wide and oval
- Flowers are white to pink, 0.5-0.75 inch, and attached at floating leaf axils
- Roots are fibrous with short rhizomes

## Background

- Native to southeastern U.S.
- Inhabits shoreline areas in ponds, lakes, and ditches
- Reproduces by stem fragments and seeds; seeds in northern climates may not be viable
- Forms thick mats that shade-out native species and impede recreation

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