

CURLY-LEAF PONDWEED (CLP) – continued

Potamogeton crispus

NOT NATIVE TO MAINE - INVASIVE

LEAF CHARACTERISTICS THAT CLP SHARES WITH SOME NATIVE PONDWEEDS	LEAF CHARACTERISTICS THAT DISTINGUISH CLP FROM OTHER PONDWEEDS
The leaves are alternately arranged.	The leaves are typically finely serrated along the edges. Serrations are tiny but visible.
The leaves are directly attached to the stem (leaves slightly clasping the stem).	
The leaves are strap-shaped and with rounded tips, narrowing toward the base.	The edges of mature leaves may be distinctly ruffled (like a lasagna noodle).
The leaves are 4 to 10 cm long, and 5 to 10 mm wide.	The leaves have a unique vein pattern, resembling a narrow, leaded glass window with panes arranged mainly in two columns, enclosed in a frame. (The vein pattern is more visible when illuminated from behind.) See leaf vein pattern illustration on page 39.
The leaves are somewhat translucent, olive green to reddish brown in color.	



Sunlight strikes a dense patch of curly-leaf pondweed