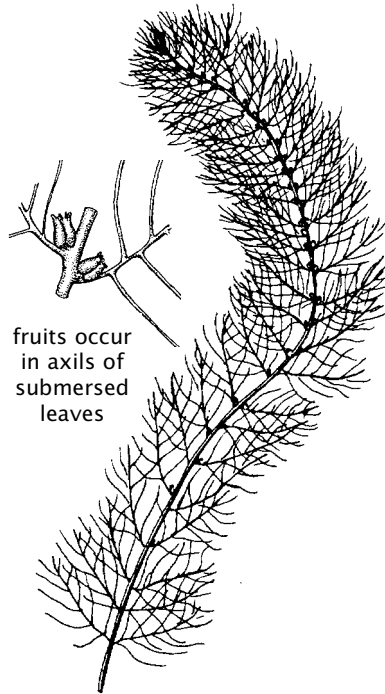


## LOW WATER-MILFOIL

*Myriophyllum humile*

**Description:** Low water-milfoil has submersed leaves only. The leaves are finely feather-divided, with 5 to 12 thread-like leaflet pairs per leaf. They are typically closely spaced along the stem in a scattered radiating arrangement (as opposed to strict whorls). Both stems and leaves may be brownish red in color. Unlike all of the invasive milfoils prohibited in Maine and most of the other Maine native milfoils, low water-milfoil does not produce flowers on an emergent stalk. Low water-milfoil and its close native look alike, Farwell's water-milfoil, both produce flowers, followed by small fruits, along the submersed stems in the leaf axils. The tiny fruits of low water-milfoil are comprised of four smooth-sided sections (as opposed to the bumpy ridged fruits of Farwell's water-milfoil). Low water-milfoil does not form winter buds.



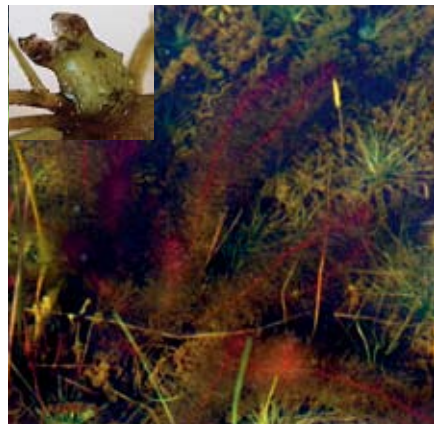
fruits occur  
in axils of  
submersed  
leaves

Low water milfoil has submersed  
leaves only

**Look Alikes:** The milfoil that low water-milfoil most closely resembles is Farwell's water-milfoil.



Leaves are arranged in a scattered  
radiating pattern



Low water-milfoil; fruits have mostly  
smooth ridges (inset)