

Key to the Distinguishing the Three Slender Pondweed Species

	<i>P. pusillus</i>	<i>P. berchtoldii</i>	<i>P. gemmiparus</i>
LEAVES	0.2 to 2.5 mm wide; 0 to 2 lacunae bands on each side of midvein; sharply pointed at the tip	0.2 to 2.5 mm wide 1 to 5 lacunae bands on each side of midvein; bluntly to sharply pointed at the tip	0.2 to 0.7 mm wide; one vein; 1 lacunae band on each side of midvein; sharply pointed at the tip
STIPULES	wrapping around the stem and fused at the margins, forming a tube surrounding the stem	wrapping around the stem, but not fused at the margins	wrapping around the stem, but not fused at the margins
FLOWERS	flower spikes mostly at the growing tip; 1 to 3 per plant; flowers arranged on spike in distinct, interrupted whorls	flowers spikes at the growing tip or along the stem; generally more than 3 per plant; flowers arranged on spike in crowded whorls	flowers uncommon
WINTER BUDS	elongate winter buds	elongate winter buds	very slender elongate winter buds