

Variable-Leaf Milfoil

(*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)

Category: EDRR

Distribution: Populations in western Washington

Diagnostic Characteristics

- Two distinct leaf types on the same stem
- Submerged leaves ½ to 2½" long, in whorls of 4 to 6 around the stem
- Emergent leaves small, bright green, and oval, in whorls on a stalk-like portion of the stem, rising 6" to 8" above the water

Background

- Submersed aquatic perennial; stems 13-22' long, featherlike leaves
- Reproduces by seed and fragmentation
- Formerly a common aquarium plant.

Similar Plants

- Other listed noxious watermilfoils
- Native Northern Watermilfoil (native does not have emergent leaves)

