
ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



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WANTED! **Information on the location of this exotic plant**



Fanwort
(*Cabomba caroliniana*)

Species Description

Fanwort is a submerged bright green aquatic plant with narrow leaves arranged in a fan shape manner oppositely located on a long a narrow stem. Floating, lily-like leaves are found on the water's surface during flower production in August or September. Flowers are small, white, and emergent. This plant stands approximately two to 12 feet tall. Leaf segments are approximately 1 mm wide.

General Information

Fanwort is a native plant of the southern United States, and Latin and South America. It is currently found in Arlington Mill Reservoir in North Salem, Island Pond in Derry, Phillips Pond in Sandown, Robinson Pond and Otternic Pond in Hudson, Lake Massabesic in Auburn, Mine Falls Pond in Nashua, and the Nashua River in Nashua. This exotic plant was discovered in New Hampshire in the late 1960s and entered the state via the back of a transient boat trailer or was dumped from a tropical fish aquarium. This plant has been prohibited in New Hampshire since 1999.

Characteristic of many exotic plants introduced to a new environment, fanwort quickly invades shoreline areas of waterbodies, ultimately impairing recreational activities and other designated uses of the waterbodies.

For more information on milfoil or other Exotic Species, please contact the Exotic Species Coordinator at (603) 271-2248 or amy.smagula@des.nh.gov. Also, visit the DES website for more information about exotic species at www.des.nh.gov.