Variable-leaf Milfoil
*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*

Variable-leaf Milfoil, a submersed, perennial, Usually found rooted in up to 6 feet of water. Dense growths of variable-leaf milfoil provide breeding areas for mosquitoes and degrade water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife.

It grows in a variety of habitats including lakes, ponds, swamps, and rivers. Although the plant is largely submersed, an emergent portion may extend 4 to 6 inches above the surface. The plants are thick and have robust stems which are usually dark red, branched, and up to 1/3 inch in diameter. Leaves are in whorls of 4 to 6, up to 2 inches in length. Reproduction occurs both vegetatively and by seed production.

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