



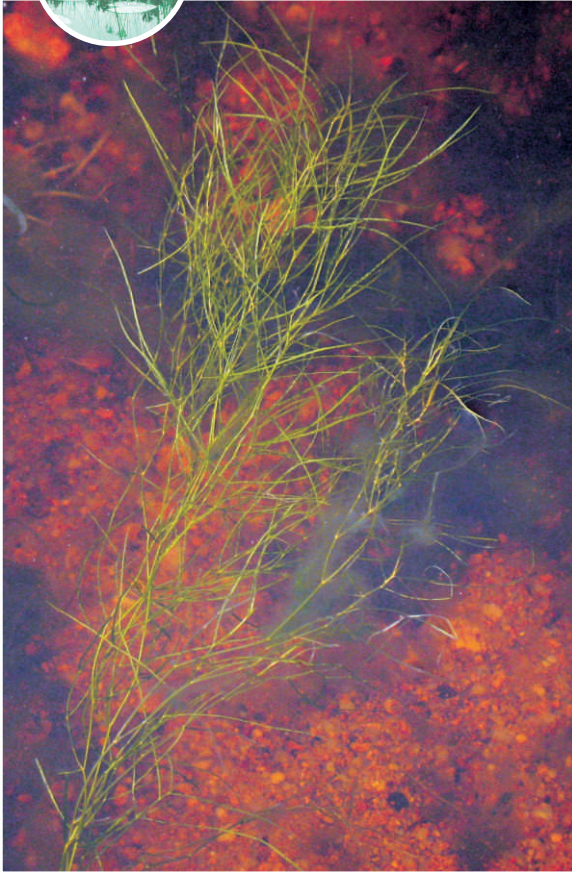
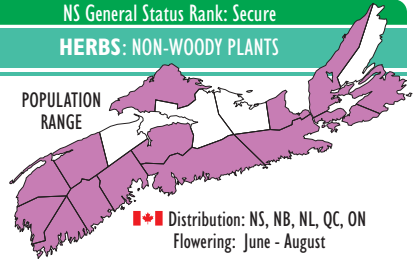
## Algae-like Pondweed

*Potamogeton confervoides*

NS General Status Rank: Secure

HERBS: NON-WOODY PLANTS

POPULATION  
RANGE



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Flower stalk and greenish spikes

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**SIZE:** 10-80 cm long.

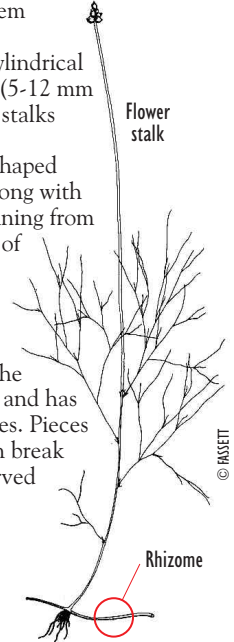
**LEAVES:** Delicate, flat, thread-like, and numerous, 2-5 cm long and 0.3 mm wide. They narrow to a fine point at the tip and are bright green. There is one vein running from the base to the tip of the leaf.

**STEM:** Slender and highly branched. The fine branches are typically widely spaced. It grows from a creeping underground stem (rhizome).

**FLOWERS:** Cylindrical greenish spikes (5-12 mm long) on flower stalks 5-25 cm long.

**FRUITS:** Egg shaped seeds, 2-3 mm long with three ridges running from base to tip, one of which is much more obvious than others.

**NOTES:** This plant grows in the water (aquatic) and has no floating leaves. Pieces of this plant can break off and be observed floating freely.



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Small Pondweed

### Habitat:

Bog pools, acidic lakes, and slow-flowing acidic streams.

**Similar species:** Small Pondweed (*Potamogeton pusillus*) has wider leaves (0.5-2 mm) and up to 3 veins in each leaf. The center of the leaf has a clear line of cells (lacunae) running from the tip to the base. The very long flower stalks of Algae-like Pondweed distinguish this species from other pondweeds.

**Interesting point:** The word *Potamogeton* means "river neighbour".