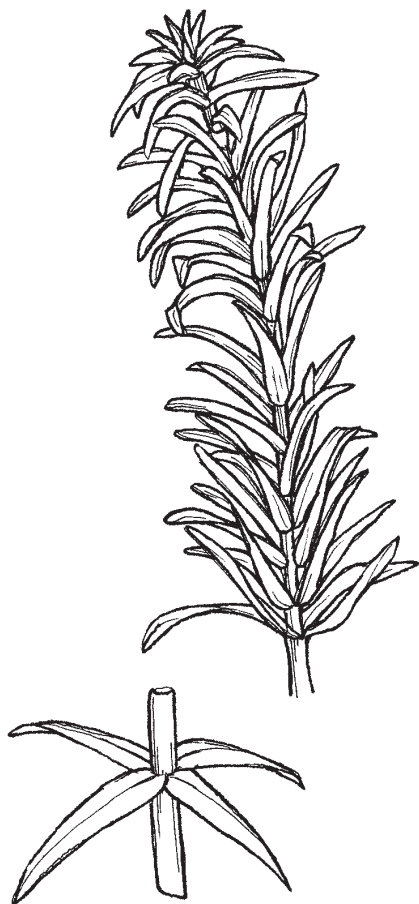


LARGE-FLOWERED WATERWEED (*Egeria densa*), sometimes sold as Brazilian pondweed or incorrectly labelled as *Elodea densa*, is an aquatic plant that grows below the water surface. There are a few widely scattered records for this species in Cornwall. It has dense, leafy growth. The branched stems are up to 2 m long and 3 mm thick. The stems are brittle with linear leaves in whorls of four or five at each node. The leaves are sharp-pointed, 10 - 30 mm long and 1.5 - 4 mm wide with a slight toothed margin and obvious midrib in comparison to *Elodeas*. *E.densa* can grow in water up to 5 m deep rooted in sand or mud. Showy three petalled flowers are white and come up just above the water surface in warmer waters.



Elodea canadensis
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Elodea nuttallii
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Hippuris vulgaris
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Lagarosiphon major

DO NOT CONFUSE WITH

- *Elodea* species which are smaller and have their leaves in whorls of three.
- Curly waterweed (*Lagarosiphon major*) has strongly recurved leaves that are narrower (maximum 3 mm).
- Submerged mare's-tail (*Hippuris vulgaris*) may look similar but the weak leaves of this species are in whorls of 6-12.