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Potamogeton alpinus

[Synonyms : *Potamogeton alpinus* var. *alpinus*, *Potamogeton alpinus* var. *subellipticus*, *Potamogeton alpinus* var. *tenuifolius*, *Potamogeton rufescens*, *Potamogeton tenuifolius*, *Potamogeton tenuifolius* var. *subellipticus*]

RED PONDWEED is an aquatic perennial. Native to Europe and North America it has reddish-green floating and submerged leaves and tiny greenish or reddish flowers. It is also known as *Alpen-Laichkraut* (German), Alpine pondweed, *Liobhag Dhearg* (Scots Gaelic), *Punervavita* (Finnish), *Purovita* (Finnish), *Rdest alpský* (Czech), *Rdest červenavý* (Czech), Reddish pondweed, *Rödnate* (Swedish), and *Rostnate* (Swedish). In the United States red pondweed is protected in the wild in the States of New Hampshire and New York where it is believed to be threatened, and in New Jersey where it is considered endangered. It is now extinct in the wild in the state of Pennsylvania.

Alpinus means ‘alpine’ ie. found above the tree line.