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Potamogeton crispus

[Synonyms : *Potamogeton serratus*]

CURLED PONDWEED is an aquatic perennial. Native to Europe it has opaque floating and translucent, often reddish-tinged submerged leaves and tiny, brown and creamy-white flowers.

It is also known as *Červenavec kučeravý* (Slovak), Curled-leaved pondweed, Curlyleaf pondweed, Curly pondweed, *Dyfrllys Crych* (Welsh), Floating pondweed, *Kiharavita* (Finnish), *Krauses Laichkraut* (German), *Krusnate* (Swedish), Muckweed, *Poimuvita* (Finnish), *Rdest kadeřavý* (Czech), *Rdest kurchavyi* (Russian), and Ruffle-leaved pondweed.

Curled pondweed has become invasive in parts of North America (including the American states of California, Tennessee and Wisconsin).

Crispus means ‘closely curled, finely or irregularly wavy’.

This pondweed is such a delicacy for wild ducks that in the United States it is often cultivated in game ponds.