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Potamogeton gramineus

[Synonyms : *Potamogeton gramineus* var. *graminifolius*, *Potamogeton gramineus* subsp. *heterophyllus*, *Potamogeton gramineus* var. *maximus*, *Potamogeton gramineus* var. *myriophyllus*, *Potamogeton gramineus* subsp. *typicus*, *Potamogeton heterophyllus*, *Potamogeton wolfgangii*]

VARIOUS-LEAVED PONDWEED is an aquatic perennial. Native to Europe (except the Mediterranean) it has floating and submerged leaves, and small green flowers.

It is also known as *Červenavec trávolistý* (Slovak), *Dyfrllys Amryddail* (Welsh), *Grasartiges Laichkraut* (German), *Gräsnate* (Swedish), Grass-leaf pondweed, Grass-leaved pondweed, Grass-like pondweed, Grassy pondweed, *Heinävita* (Finnish), *Liobhag Fheurach* (Scots Gaelic), Pondweed, *Rdest trávolistý* (Czech), *Rdest zlakovyi* (Russian), Slender-leaved pondweed, Variableleaf pondweed, and Variable-leaved pondweed.

In the United States various-leaved pondweed is protected in the wild in the States of Illinois where it is believed to be threatened, and in Ohio and Pennsylvania where it is considered endangered.

Gramineus is Latin (of grass, grassy) meaning ‘grass-like or grassy’.

To fishermen’s delight the animals colonizing its foliage form a fish larder.