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Potamogeton pectinatus

[Synonyms : *Coleogeton pectinatus*, *Coleogeton vaginatus*, *Potamogeton columbianus*, *Potamogeton diffusus*, *Potamogeton exstipulatus*, *Potamogeton flabellatus*, *Potamogeton interruptus*, *Potamogeton intramongolicus*, *Potamogeton macrocarpus*, *Potamogeton marinus*, *Potamogeton pectinatus* var. *diffusus*, *Potamogeton pectinatus* var. *interruptus*, *Potamogeton pectinatus* var. *striatus*, *Potamogeton striatus*, *Potamogeton tenuifolius*, *Potamogeton vaginatus*, *Potamogeton zosteraceus*, *Stuckenia pectinata*]

FENNEL PONDWEED is an aquatic perennial. Native to Europe, eastern United States, to South America and to Africa, it has thread-like submerged leaves and brownish-green spikelets.

It is also known as *Børstebladet Vandaks* (Danish), *Borstnate* (Swedish), *Bust-tjønnaks* (Norwegian), Duck grass, Duck moss, *Dyfrllys Danheddog* (Welsh), Fennel-leaved pondweed, *Hapsivita* (Finnish), *Kamm-Laichkraut* (German), *Lìobhag Fhineil* (Scots Gaelic), Potato moss, *Rdest grebenchatyi* (Russian), *Rdest hřebeníč* (Czech), *Rdestík hřebeníč* (Czech), Sago pondweed, and Sheathed pondweed.

The flowers are pollinated by water.

In the United States fennel pondweed is protected in the wild in the State of New Hampshire where it is believed to be threatened.

Pectinatus is derived from Latin *pectinis* (comb) meaning ‘comb-like’ with reference to the leaves.

Authorities note that the tubers are an important duck food.