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Potamogeton pusillus

[Synonyms : *Potamogeton aschersonii*, *Potamogeton berchtoldii*, *Potamogeton berteroanus*, *Potamogeton gracilis*, *Potamogeton panormitanus*, *Potamogeton panormitanus* var. *major*, *Potamogeton pusillum*, *Potamogeton pusillus* var. *capitatus*, *Potamogeton pusillus* var. *gracilis*, *Potamogeton pusillus* var. *polyphyllus*, *Potamogeton pusillus* var. *sturrockii*, *Potamogeton pusillus* var. *tenuissimus*, *Potamogeton tenuifolius*, *Potamogeton tenuissimus*, *Potamogeton uruguayensis*]

LESSER PONDWEED is an aquatic perennial. Native to Europe it has brownish-green submerged leaves and tiny green flowers.

It is also known as Baby pondweed, *Dyfrllys Culddail* (Welsh), *Granntjønnaks* (Norwegian), *Hentovita* (Finnish), *Kleines Laichkraut* (German), *Liobhag Mhion* (Scots Gaelic), *Pienivita* (Finnish), *Rdest maličký* (Czech), Slender pondweed, Small pondweed, *Spädnate* (Swedish), *Spinkel Vandaks* (Danish), *Tenger Fonteinkruid* (Dutch), and *Veknate* (Swedish).

In the United States lesser pondweed is protected in the wild in the State of Indiana where it is rare.

Pusillus is Latin (very small, tiny, puny) meaning ‘very small or dwarf’.