

HALORAGACEAE – WATER MILFOIL FAMILY

Plant: herbs, often aquatic

Stem:

Root:

Leaves: opposite, alternate, or whorled, usually divided or dissected

Flowers: perfect or imperfect (monoecious); often small and greenish, 4 petals or none, 3 or 4 sepals; stamens 3-4-8; ovary inferior, 3 or 4 carpels, 1 to 3 styles

Fruit: nut-like

Other: Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 8 genera, 145+ species

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Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: 3 sepal flower (no petals, 3 stamens, 3 carpels), greenish and small, in leaf axils; leaves alternate, lanceolate, up to 8-10 cm, those submerged often have some leaves with fine filiform teeth; stem fleshy; aquatic or muddy banks; summer to fall

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