

HYDROCHARITACEAE – TAPE GRASS or FROG BIT FAMILY

Plant: herbs, aquatic (fresh or marine)

Stem: with or without stem, rhizomatous

Root:

Leaves: alternate or opposite or whorled or basal, stipules present or absent

Flowers: imperfect (monoecious or dioecious) or perfect; petals and sepal 6 (rarely 3) or none; stamens 0 to many; ovary inferior if present

Fruit: berry like

Other: Monocotyledons Group

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Hydrocharitaceae (Tape Grass or Frog-Bit Family)

Pokagon State Park, Steuben County, Indiana

Notes: aquatic plant; dioecious, pistillate flowers with 3 petals, white, and 3 sepals on a very long spathe (to several cm) on a long coiled peduncle that reaches the water surface, staminate flowers green, very small, also on peduncle; leaves submerged, ribbon like; lakes and streams; summer to early fall

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