**Myriophyllum spicatum**

**Common name:**
Eurasian watermilfoil

**Origin:**
Europe and Asia

**Key features:**
- Plants are submersed
- **Stems:** Stem diameter below the inflorescence is greater with reddish stem tips
- **Leaves:** Leaves are rectangular with ≥ 12 pairs of leaflets per leaf and are dissected giving a feathery appearance, arranged in a whorl, whorls are 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart
- **Flowers:** Small pinkish male flowers that occur on reddish spikes, female flowers lack petals and sepals and have 4 lobed pistil
- **Fruits/Seeds:** Fruit are round 0.08-0.12 inches (2-3 mm) and contain 4 seeds
- **Reproduction:** Fragmentation and seeds

**Easily confused species:**
- Variable-leaf watermilfoil: *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*
- Low watermilfoil: *Myriophyllum humile*
- Northern watermilfoil: *Myriophyllum sibiricum*
- Whorled watermilfoil: *Myriophyllum verticillatum*