**Hydrilla verticillata**

**Common name:**
Hydrilla

**Origin:**
Asia

**Key features:**
Plants are submersed

**Stems:** Slender, branched and up to 25 feet (7.5 m) long

**Leaves:** Whorled leaves approx. 0.7 inches (1.5 cm) long, whorls often have 5 leaves (range 4-8); leaf margins are visibly toothed

**Flowers:** Female flowers have three translucent petals that have reddish streaks, male flowers have three petals and can be white to red in color

**Fruits/Seeds:** Small tubers (key feature) can be found in the sediment, turions form along the stem

**Reproduction:** Fragmentation, turions, tubers and seeds

**Easily confused species:**
Waterweeds (Native): *Elodea nuttallii* and *Elodea canadensis*
Brazilian waterweed: *Egeria densa*