

Salvinia molesta

Common names:

Giant salvinia
Water fern
Salvinia
Kariba weed
Aquarium watermoss

Origin:

Brazil

Key features:

Free floating plant with no roots

Stems: Horizontal stems float below the surface

Leaves: Submersed leaves are brown and feather-like; surface leaves are folded at midrib and covered with many water repellent hairs that are split in the middle but rejoin at the tips; leaves become tightly packed into long chains as the plant grows

Fruits/Seeds: Egg shaped sporocarps

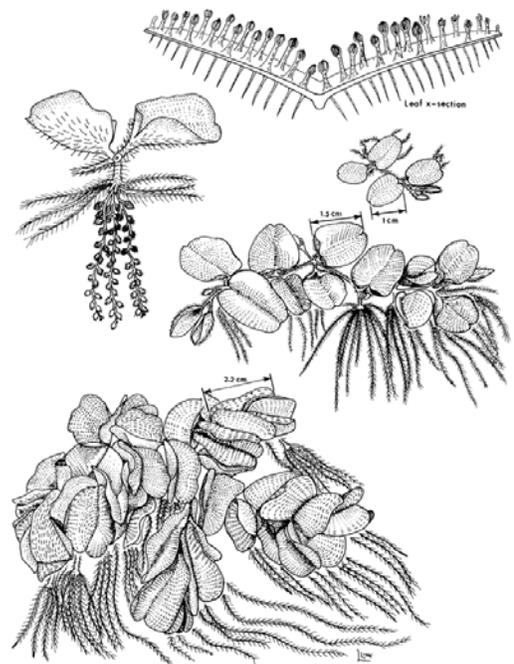
Reproduction: Fragmentation

Easily confused species:

None



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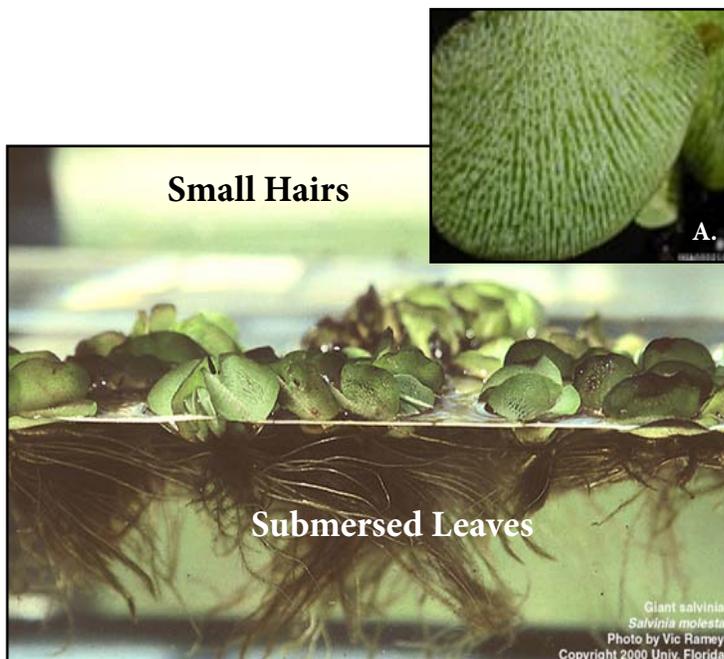


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