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Fanwort



Fanwort
(Cabomba caroliniana)

Species Description

Fanwort is a submerged bright green aquatic plant with leaves arranged in a fan shape manner oppositely located on a long a narrow stem. Floating, lily-like leaves are found on the water's surface during flower production in August or September. Flowers are small, white and emergent. This plant stands 2-12 feet tall in the water column.

General Information

Fanwort is a native plant of the southern United States, and Central and South America. It is currently found in the following waterbodies in New Hampshire:

- Arlington Mill Reservoir in North Salem.
- Big Island Pond in Derry.
- Phillips Pond in Sandown.
- Robinson Pond and Otternic Pond in Hudson.
- Lake Massabesic in Auburn.
- Mine Falls Pond in Nashua.
- Nashua River in Nashua.

This non-native plant was discovered in New Hampshire in the late 1960s and entered the state via a transient boat trailer or was dumped from a tropical fish aquarium. This plant has been prohibited in New Hampshire since 1999. Characteristic of many exotic plants introduced to

a new environment, fanwort quickly invades shoreline areas of waterbodies, ultimately impairing recreational activities and other designated uses of the waterbodies.

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