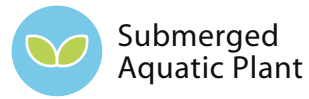
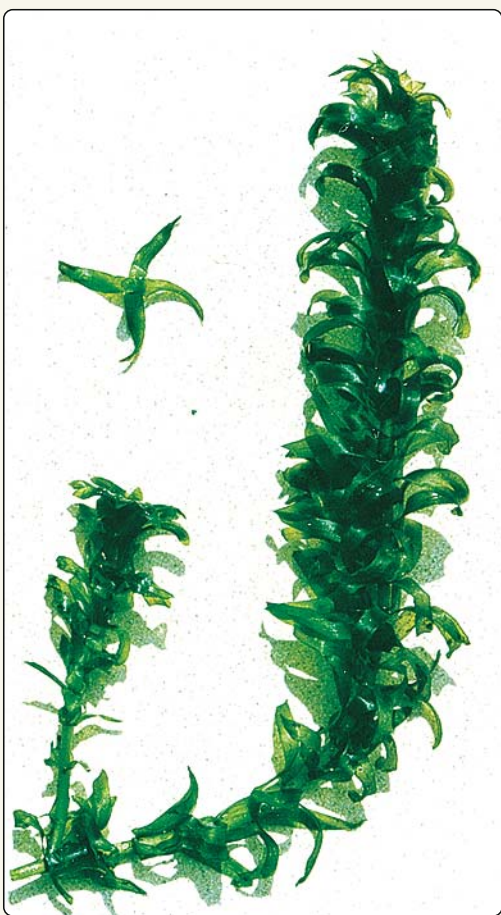


Egeria* (*Egeria densa*)



Submerged
Aquatic Plant



Long slender and much branched leafy stems

* Also known as **Oxygen weed**

Egeria is a submerged perennial freshwater aquatic herb that grows in still and flowing waters, forming dense weed beds. The plant is bottom rooted, producing long slender and much branched leafy stems up to 4 or 5 m tall. Egeria differs from the other oxygen weeds Elodea, Hydrilla and Lagarosiphon in being denser and more leafy, with 3-8 leaf whorls, and by the many white flowers protruding just above the water surface where plants grow near to the water surface in summer.

The stems are brittle, fragmenting and rooting easily, so that the plant is easily transported to other waterways by machinery, boats and trailers or nets. Only male plants occur in New Zealand so seeds are not produced.

Once established Egeria is difficult to manage, with most methods only giving temporary control. Contact your Regional Council for advice on control methods.