

Sawtooth (*Najas marina*)



Submerged
Aquatic Plant



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Sawtooth is an aquatic perennial plant that prefers shallow fresh or brackish water. The plant has slender branches and fibrous roots. Its leaves (10 - 20mm long by 2 - 4 mm long) are slender with visible teeth. Sawtooth has prickles on the lower surface of its leaves and on the plant stem.

This species does not at present occur in New Zealand but has the potential to be an important and serious water weed if it becomes established. Contact your Regional Council immediately if you think you have found it.