

Salvinia minima

water fern



Appearance: Free-floating fern; stems rootless, hairy, about 10 cm (4 in) long.

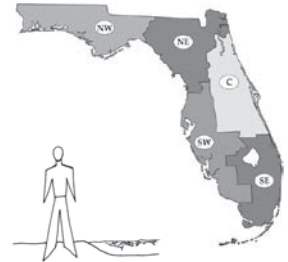
Leaves: Borne in 3s, appear 2-ranked, but with 3rd leaf finely dissected and dangling, resembling roots; rounded to somewhat broadly elliptic, 1-1.5 cm (0.4-1 in) long, with cordate base, upper surface with 4-pronged hairs, lower surface hairy.

Spores: In a nutlike sporocarp, trailing beneath.

Ecological threat:

Spreads prolifically into a monoculture which can shade out underwater natives, leaving large bare bottom areas.

Distribution: Throughout Florida.



Field Notations

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