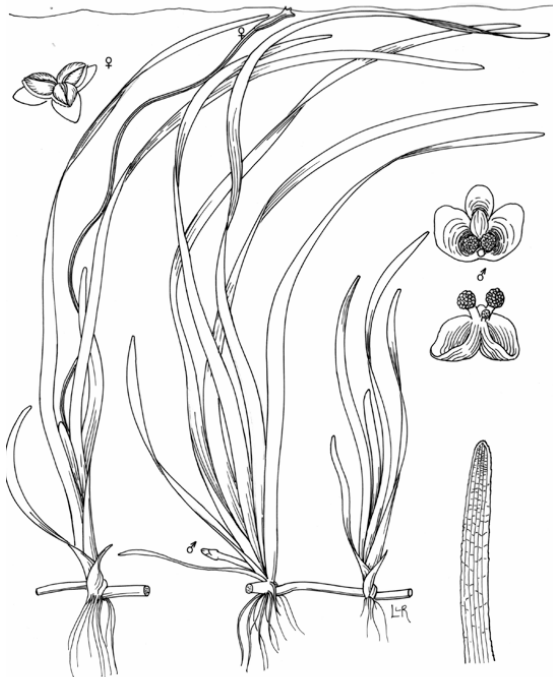


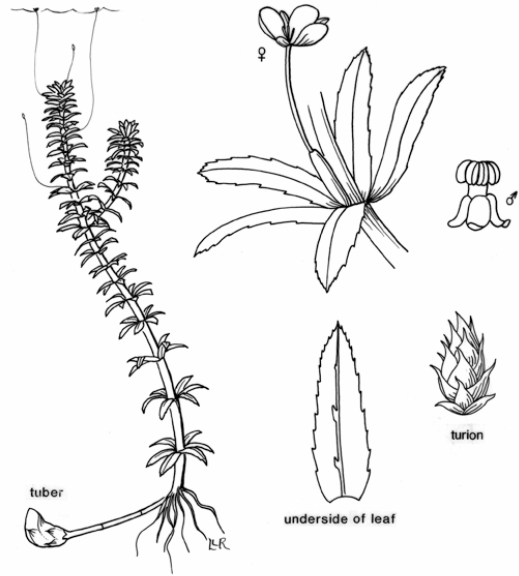
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Vallisneria americana
Tapegrass



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Hydrilla verticillata
Hydrilla

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Submersed plants are large plants that grow primarily _____ the water's surface. Eelgrass, coontail, and _____ are examples of submersed plants. Some of these plants, like eelgrass and hydrilla, are rooted to the waterbody's _____ sediments. Hydrilla is a non-native plant that is considered to be a very invasive plant because it can grow very fast and it "takes over" the _____ habitat. Submersed plants occur in virtually all Florida waterbodies. They provide _____ and _____ for fish and other aquatic animals. In an individual waterbody, the amount of _____, water clarity and water depth affect where _____ plants will grow.



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Word Bank:

below bottom food habitat hydrilla
light native submersed

For more information about submersed plants:

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/guide/subpla.html> <http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/cedepic.html>

<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/vaampic.htm> <http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/hyvepic.html>

