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Potamogeton vaseyi J.W. Robbins

Vasey's Pondweed

- [State Rank](#): S2
- [Global Rank](#): G4
- [State Status](#): Special Concern

Habitat: Quiet muddy or calcareous waters. [Open water (non-forested, wetland)]

Range: Quebec to Wisconsin, south to southern New York.

Aids to Identification: Pondweeds are aquatic, perennial herbs with reduced, inconspicuous flowers, which in many species, are elevated above the surface of the water. *Potamogeton vaseyi* has dimorphic leaves: very narrow (0.2-1 mm wide), flaccid, submersed leaves and wider, thicker floating leaves. This species, like the common *P. spirillus*, has small floating leaves, only 0.6-1.5 cm long for *P. vaseyi*. Small spikes (3-8 cm tall) and stipules that are distinct from the leaf blade will serve to separate *P. vaseyi* from other species of pondweeds in Maine.



Ecological characteristics: Ecological relationships in Maine are not well known.

Phenology: Flowers July - August.

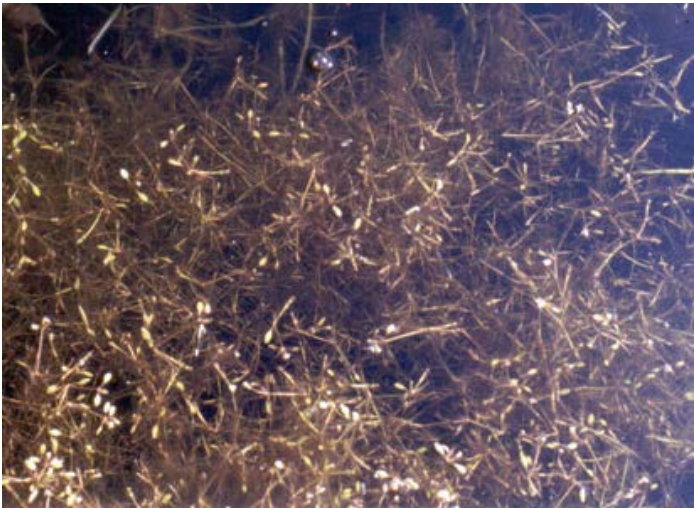
Family: Potamogetonaceae

Synonyms: *Potamogeton lateralis* Morong, *pro parte*.

Known Distribution in Maine: This rare plant has been documented from a total of 17 town(s) in the following county(ies): Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot, Somerset.

Reason(s) for rarity: Scarcity of habitat.

Conservation considerations: Unknown.



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