

Northern water plantain

Alisma triviale

Minnesota C-Value: 4
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL
Native



Leaves: All leaves basal in a rosette. Broad, oval shaped, long-stalked leaves rounded or tapered at tip, veins parallel. Submergent leaves narrow. Can reach 30 cm long.

Stems: Stout, hollow, often purple tinged and longer than leaves.

Flowers and fruit: Flowers born on stems longer than leaves. Flower 7-13 mm wide, 3 sepals and 3 white/pink petals. Fruit very small, flat sided nutlets in a whorl.

Plant communities: Shallow marshes, sedge meadows, deep marshes, lake edges.

Comments: Perennial plant. Two other species commonly found in MN, *A. gramineum* (flower stalks rarely longer than leaves) and *A. subcordatum* (flowers smaller (3-3.5 mm across) than *A. triviale*).

