

# Large-leaved Pondweed

*Potamogeton amplifolius*

-Large-leaved Pondweed (a.k.a. Musky Weed, Bass Weed, & Cabbage Leaf) has robust stems that emerge from black-scaled rhizomes. The submerged leaves are the broadest of any pondweed in our region. These leaves are arched and slightly folded, as though they had been bent along the mid-vein to cut out a symmetrical leaf. The leaves have stalks of varying lengths and the blade is lined with many veins.

-The floating leaves are oval and are on long stalks. The floating leaves also have many veins, with about 25% of them more prominent than the rest. Stipules of both submersed and floating leaves are large. The stipules are free, green or brown-tinted, and taper to a sharp point.

-Large-leaved Pondweed is a premiere aquatic plant for fish habitat. The common names of Bass Weed and Musky Weed recognize this reputation. Stands of Large-leaved Pondweed are considered ecologically valuable habitat. Efforts have been made to propagate it as part of littoral zone restoration projects. Studies have shown that Large-leaved Pondweed can be successfully transplanted by stem cutting when conditions are favorable for growth.

-Any serious and self-respecting fisherman will want to plant some Large-leaved Pondweed as part of their shoreline restoration!



**The object of our game with Nature is not to win, but to keep on playing.**

**-Unknown**