



SMALL WATER PLANTAIN
Alisma subcordatum

Located in shallow water, ditches and along muddy shores throughout the Division. Also known as Great Thrumwort, Maddog-Weed and Deil's Spoons.

An erect perennial with long-stalked, oblong, elliptic or oval leaves. Leaves abruptly pointed at the tip, rounded at the base; blades with several parallel veins connected by cross-veinlets; up to 25 cm long and 15 cm wide. The leafless, stiff, flowering stalk is 5 to 90 cm tall with many branches and flower stems in whorls of 3 to 10. A single, small, 3-petaled flower is located at the end of each flower stem; petals 1 to 2 mm long, white; blooming from late June to early September. Green fruiting nutlets form after flowers wither; 3 to 4 mm diameter.

The tubers and nutlets are of minor importance to wildfowl; the leaves provide shade and shelter for young fish.





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