



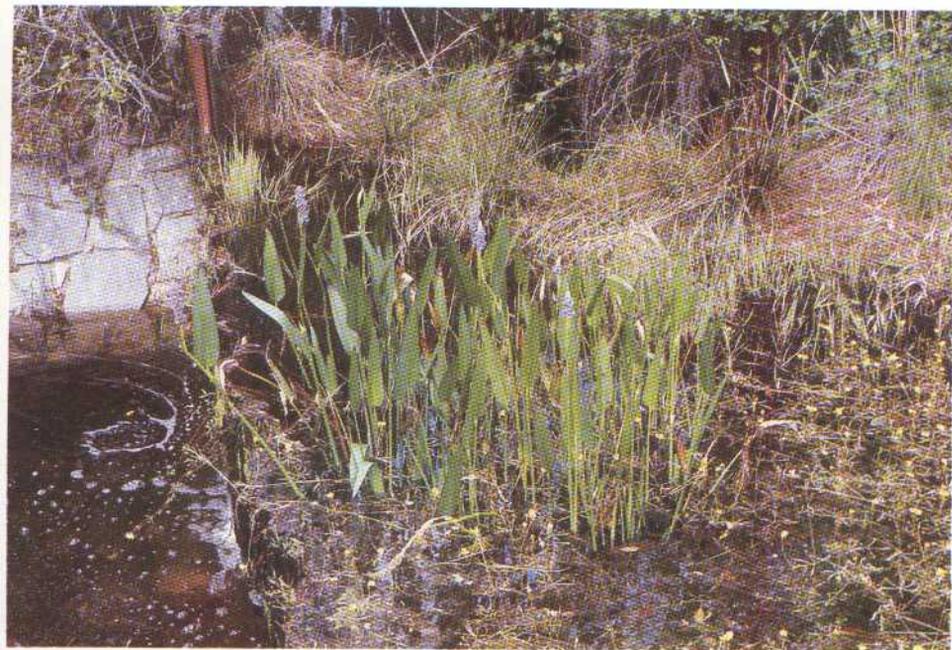
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Pontederia cordata

Located along muddy shores, in shallow water and inland and coastal fresh marshes throughout the Division.

A thick-leaved plant, often forming dense stands along shores; 0.3 to 1 m tall. Leaves of various shapes; single blades on the end of a stalk (similar to *Sagittaria* and *Peltandra*); blade lance-shaped-broadly, egg-shaped, narrowly triangular or heart-shaped. The flowering spike is located on a stem with a single leaf; flowers violet-blue; blooming from June through November. Fruit matures on the spike after upper part of flower withers; 0.6 to 1.0 cm long. Several recognized varieties found in North America. Some individuals consider the narrow leaved southern variety (*P. lanceolate*), to be a separate species.



Wildlife value is not extensive. The seeds are occasionally eaten by waterfowl and small mammals; may serve as shade and shelter for fish.



P. lanceolata

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