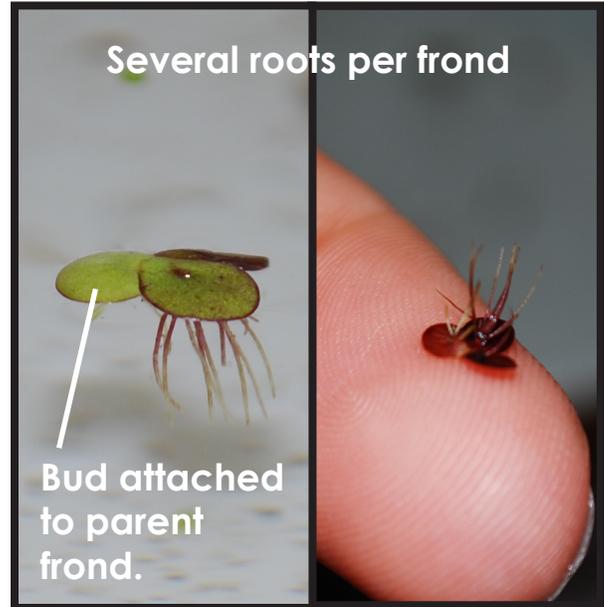
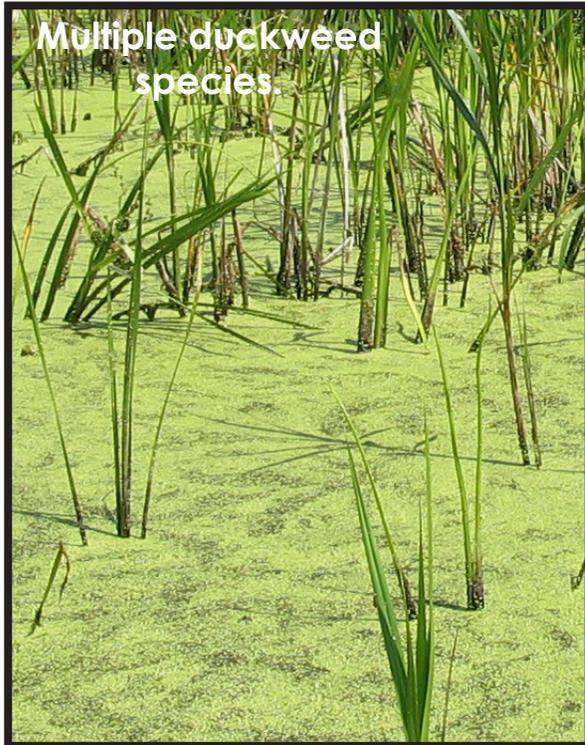


# Greater Duckweed

*Spirodela polyrrhiza*

Minnesota C-Value: 5  
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL  
Native



**Leaves:** Irregular oval shaped frond 3-10 mm long and 2.5-8 mm wide. 5-15 nerves radiate from narrower end. Underside of leaf is magenta.

**Stems:** No stems. 5-12 roots dangle below the water line from each frond.

**Flowers and fruit:** Reproduces through budding. New fronds often remain attached to the parent, creating clusters with multiple leaf lobes.

**Plant communities:** Found floating on the surface of quiet standing water, often in thick mats with other duckweed species.

**Comments:** Can be distinguished from other duckweeds by its relatively large size, irregular frond shape, multiple roots, and magenta underside.

