

Starry Trek

Reference Guide



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Starry stonewort keys to ID:

- Grass-like appearance
- Smooth, thin stems
- Branchlets in whorls of 5-8
- Forked tips of branchlets are asymmetrical
- Star-shaped bulbils may be observed
- Small, orange spheres (antheridia) may be present

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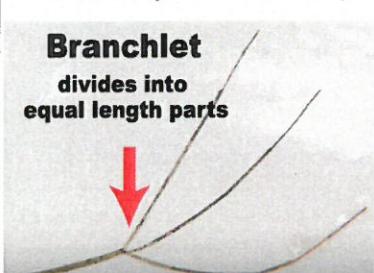
Native lookalikes:

Chara (muskgrass)



- Rough stems
- Musky odor
- Branchlets not forked at tips

Nitella (stonewort)



- Branchlets symmetrically forked
- Appears limp out of water

Sago pondweed



- Leaves branch profusely
- Clusters of egg-shaped fruit may be present

Water stargrass



- Alternate leaves
- Narrow, flat leaves

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