Pondweeds *Potamogeton sp.*

**Distribution** - Cosmopolitan throughout MD in rivers, ponds, reservoirs and tidal freshwater to moderately brackish tributaries of Chesapeake Bay.

**Recognition** - Range in size from 0.1 to 2 meters tall, with leaves from 1 to 15 cm long. Most species have bimorphic leaves (two distinctly different leaf shapes on a single plant). Many species of pondweeds are extremely difficult to identify.

**Reproduction** - Primarily by seed.

**Comments** - Most of the pondweeds are native species. Pictured is *P. spirillus*, one of the smallest of the Chesapeake Bay pondweeds.