

## South American Elodea *Elodea densa*

**Distribution** - Infrequent, inland to tidal freshwater.

**Recognition** - Rooted; stems many-branched. Dark to bright green leaves usually twice as long as wide (3/4" long and 1/3" wide ) with finely toothed margins. Very tightly packed leaves towards the stem tips, leaves usually in whorls of fours.

**Similar Species** - Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*), Common Waterweed (*Elodea canadensis*)

**Reproduction** - Vegetative.

**Comments** - Non-native species very common in the aquarium trade, often mislabeled as *Elodea canadensis*.



Detailed view