

## Swamp stonecrop

### *Crassula helmsii*

#### Description

Available in some areas as an oxygenating plant for water gardens and aquaria.

#### Habit

Aquatic or semi-terrestrial evergreen; succulent perennial that may form a carpet at waters edge, or grow completely submerged in deeper water.

#### Leaves

Opposite and narrow, 4-24 mm (0.16-0.94 in) long.

#### Stems

Elongated; stiff.

#### Flowers

Tiny, white in color, 4 petals.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Fruits are follicles containing 2-5 elliptical and smooth seeds about 0.5 millimeters long.

#### Habitat

Native to Australia and New Zealand. Found in water bodies with still or slow-moving water; tolerates





alkaline, acidic, or slightly salty water.

### **Reproduction**

May be spread by tiny stem fragments; seeds are not known to be produced.

### **Similar**

Water pygmyweed (*Crassula aquatica*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Hand-pulling, grass carp, Diquat alginate has been the most effective herbicide.

### **Credits**

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