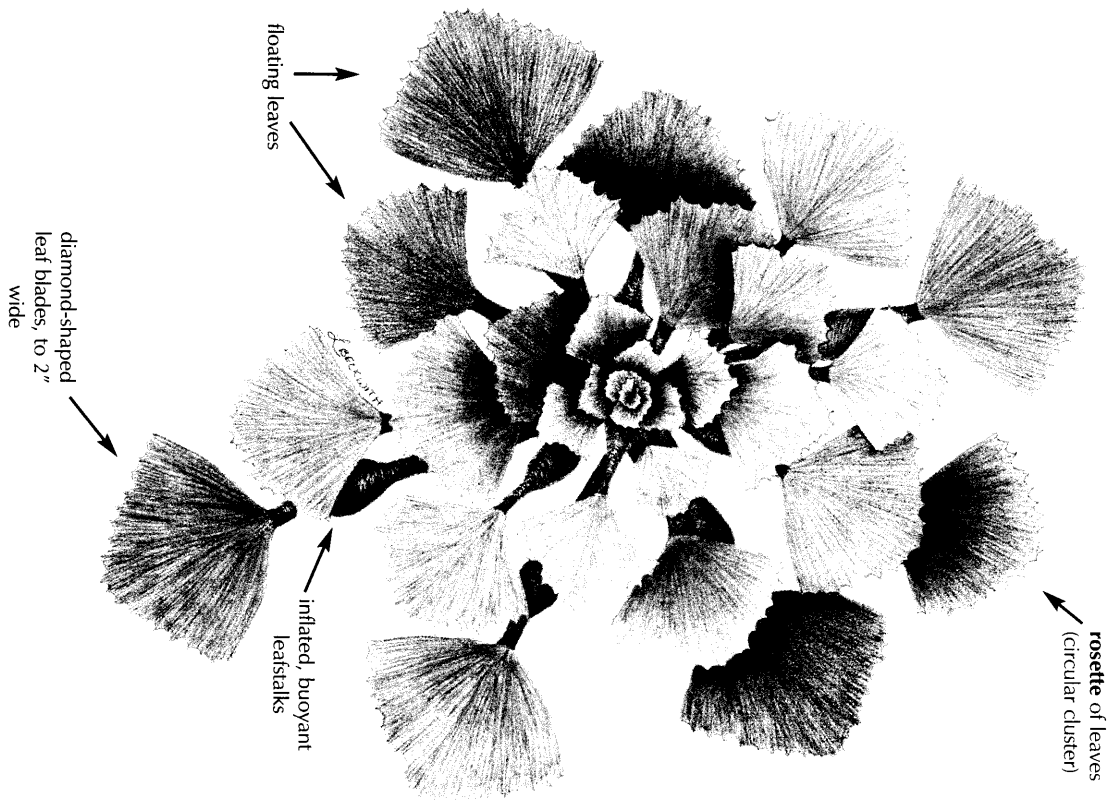


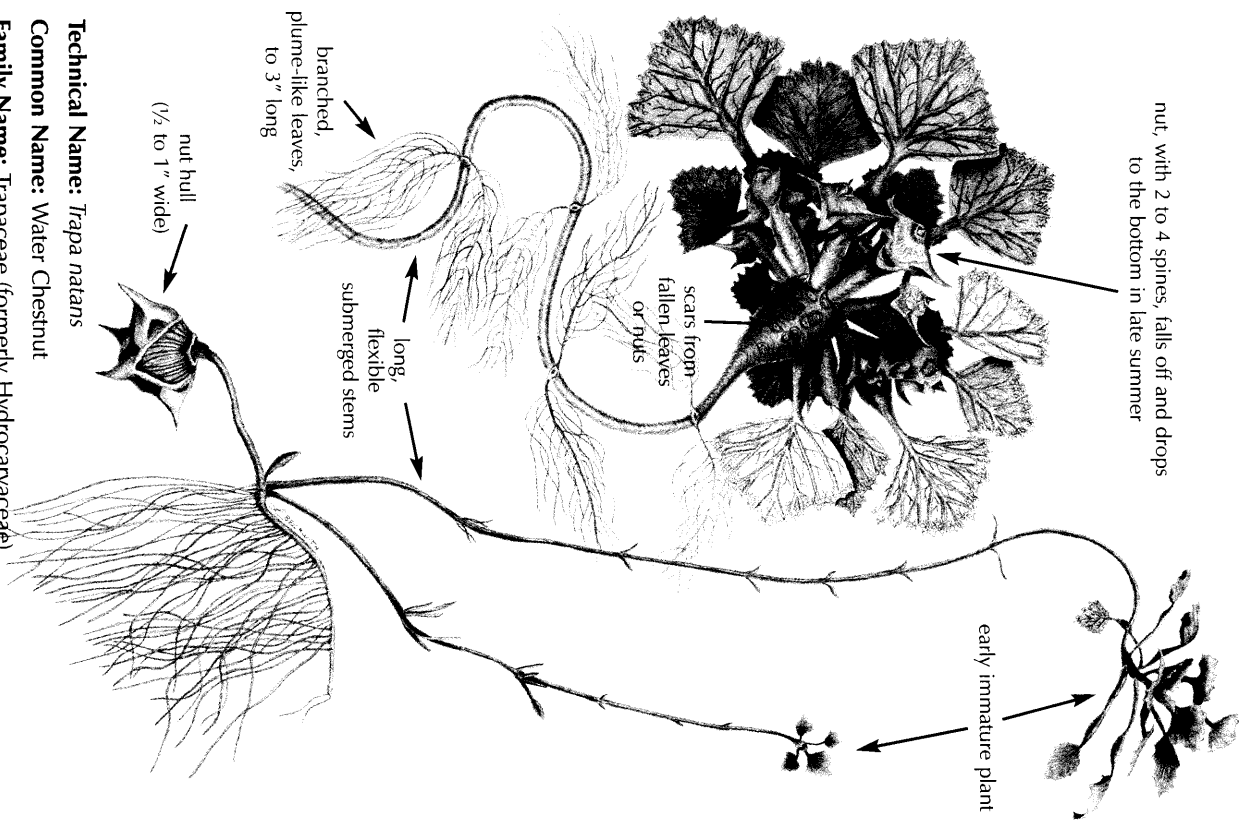
# Water Chestnut

(nonnative)



**Habitat:** tidal fresh to slightly brackish water, 1 to 6 ft in depth  
 Illustration represents top view

nut, with 2 to 4 spines, falls off and drops to the bottom in late summer



**Technical Name:** *Trapa natans*  
**Common Name:** Water Chestnut  
**Family Name:** Trapaceae (formerly Hydrocharitaceae)

**Distinctive Characteristics:**  
 Leaves: floating rosette of diamond-shaped leaves with inflated leafstalks  
 Note: the distinctive, spiny nut with hard, dark hull is often abundant on shorelines and floating in water. Nut persists long after plant has decayed.