**Water Celery**

**Flowering Period:**
July-Oct

**Habitat:**
tidal fresh and slightly brackish waters, inland waters

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**Flowers:**
- tiny, white, female flowers reaching water's surface
- long peduncle (flower stalk) coils after fertilization

**Leaves:**
- simple, entire (edges without teeth)
- basal (arising directly from base of plant)

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