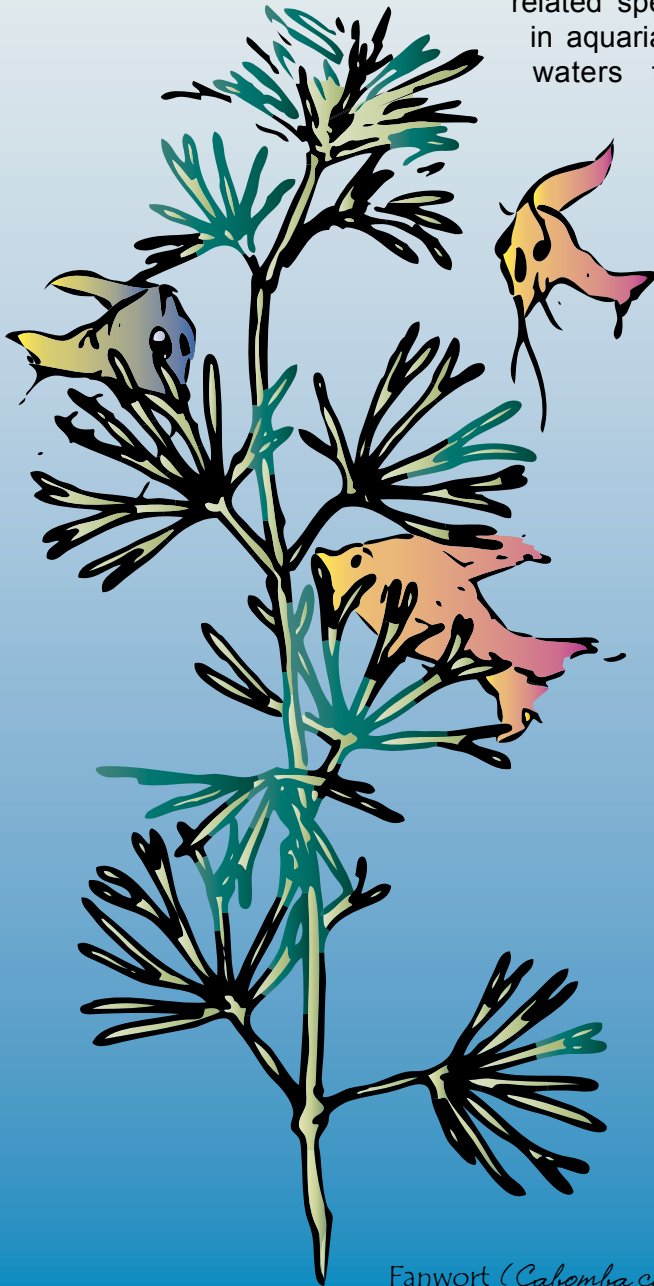


Fanwort (*Cabomba caroliniana*)

Fanwort gets its name from the shape of its underwater leaves. Each leaf is split into narrow fingers, like the open blades of hand-held folding fans. Fanwort plants have slender roots that anchor them in the soil, but the plants can also survive floating freely in the water. Fanworts have small flowers with white petals and pale yellow centers that attract insect pollinators.

The attractive leaves make this and related species popular for growing in aquaria. Fanworts grow in quiet waters from Massachusetts to southern Florida; westward to Tennessee, Kentucky, southern Illinois, Missouri, southeastern Oklahoma, Texas, and the western United States; and north into Canada.



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