

ERIOCAULON AQUATICUM (Hill) Druce
White-buttons

FAMILY: Eriocaulaceae

SYNONYMS: *Eriocaulon septangulare* With., *Eriocaulon pellucidum* Michx.

HABIT: Rosette-forming, herbaceous perennial from an elongated rhizome, flowering scape 4-100 cm.; flowering July-September.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The vegetative rosettes that frequently form in deeper waters are difficult to distinguish from other types of aquatics, such as *Isoetes*. When flowering, the species is distinctive.

TOTAL RANGE: Nfld. to w. Ont., s. to DE, VA, OH, IN, WI, and MN; also in the n. British Isles.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): There are post-1980 records from Logan and Portage counties. Braun (1967) reports it from Summit County.

HABITAT: Margins of glacial lakes, peaty shores; often in deep water.

HAZARDS: Changes in water level; development of shoreline.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but probably poor.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering material.

COMMENTS: When in flower, this species may be very conspicuous. Most often, however, *Eriocaulon* produces only small rosettes that are easily overlooked. It should be sought in glacial lakes in northern Ohio. A boat probably would be necessary to properly locate this plant.

The name *E. pellucidum* Michx. may be used if the American plants are considered a separate species form those in the British Isles.

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