

Species list

Amphibolis antarctica p40

- ▶ leaf sheath overlapping only at base of sheath
- ▶ leaves generally twisted and 2–5 cm long
- ▶ wiry stem with clusters of 6–8 leaves



Amphibolis griffithii p42

- ▶ leaf sheath overlapping along the entire length
- ▶ leaves flat and 3–8 cm long
- ▶ wiry stem with clusters of 2–5 leaves



Cymodocea angustata p44

- ▶ leaves < 5 mm wide, rounded, serrated tips, < 13 veins
- ▶ leaves arise from short vertical stem with leaf scars & no persistent leaf sheaths
- ▶ single unbranched root at node



Cymodocea serrulata p46

- ▶ leaves > 5 mm wide, with rounded, serrated tips, > 13 veins
- ▶ leaves arise from a short vertical stem, with sheath forming 'V' on one side, leaving open leaf scars on stem
- ▶ 2–3 branched roots at node



Halodule uninervis p48

- ▶ pointed leaf tip (one to three points) with central leaf vein to the tip
- ▶ distinctive vertical leaf veins and obscure cross-veins
- ▶ pale coloured rhizome, the nodes encircled by dark fibres



Syringodium isoetifolium p50

- ▶ cylindrical leaves containing air cavities
- ▶ forms small patches within mixed meadows
- ▶ tropical Indo-West Pacific, Australia—south to Geographe Bay, Eastern Africa—south to Mozambique



Thalassodendron ciliatum p52

- ▶ leaves > 10 cm long, curving, with rounded, serrated tips on wiry vertical stem
- ▶ tropical Indo-West Pacific, Eastern Africa—south to South Africa



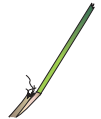
Thalassodendron pachyrhizum p54

- ▶ leaves > 7 cm long, curving, with rounded, serrated tips on wiry vertical stem
- ▶ endemic to southern Australia



Posidonia angustifolia p58

- ▶ leaves typically 4–7 mm wide, with tattered tips and fibrous old sheaths
- ▶ intact leaf tips oblique
- ▶ inflorescence within canopy



Posidonia australis p60

- ▶ leaves typically > 6 mm up to 20 mm wide, with rounded leaf tips, up to 60 cm long
- ▶ fibrous old leaf sheaths
- ▶ inflorescence above canopy



Posidonia ostenfeldii 'complex' p62

- ▶ thickened leaves with tough, leathery texture and distinct lengthways curl
- ▶ distinct horizontal veins at base of leaves
- ▶ cross-sectional leaf shape variable—cylindrical to biconvex to flattened—but always thick

