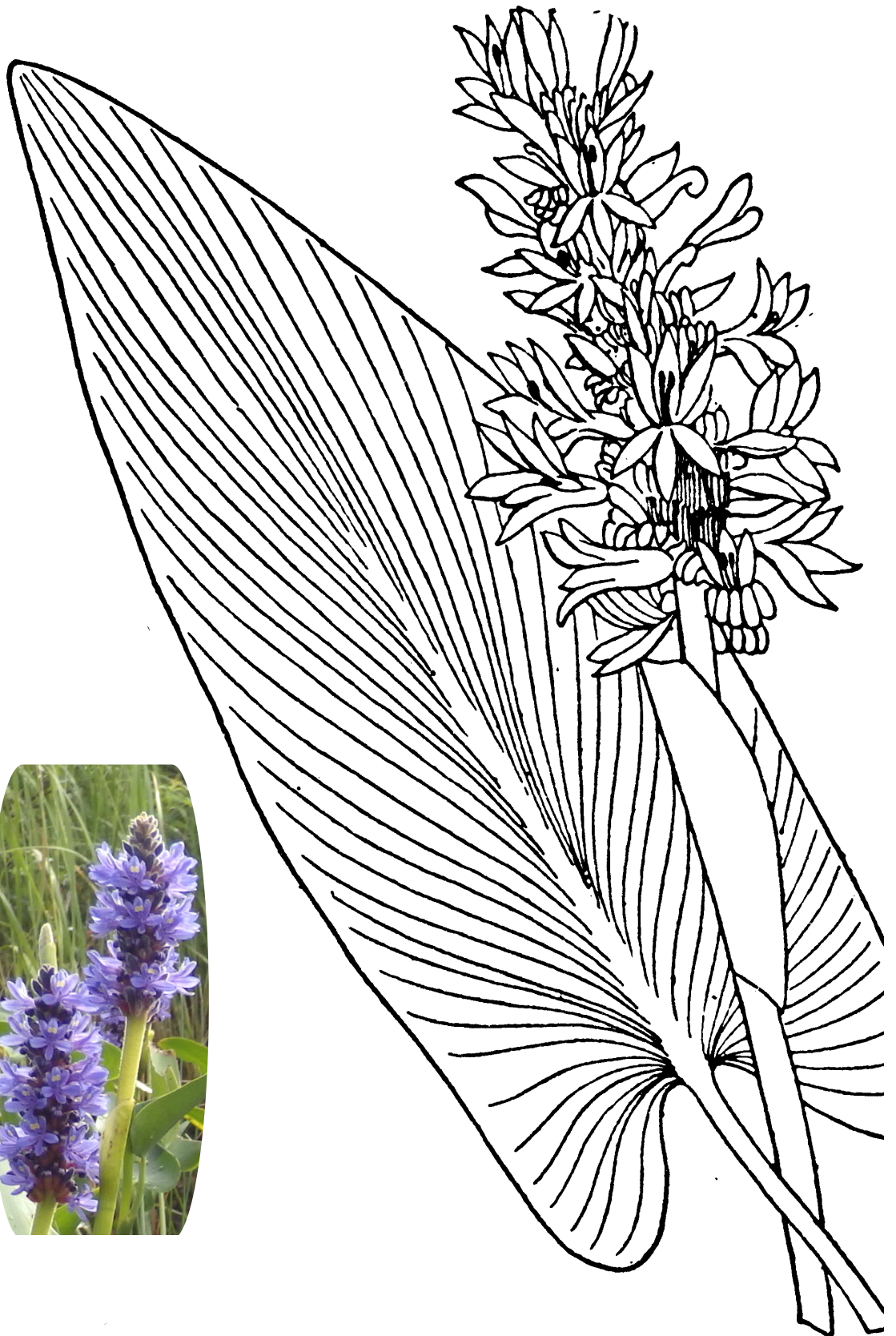
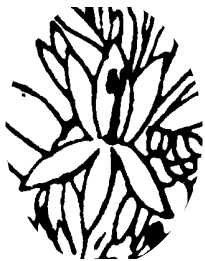
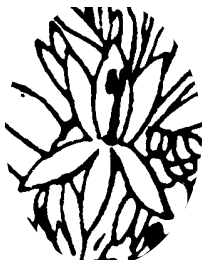
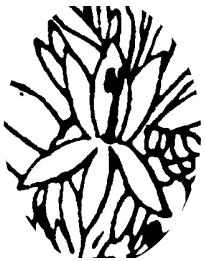
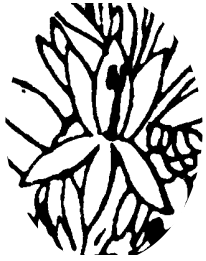


Pickeral weed

Pontédérie cordée

*Pontederia cordata*



Pickeral weed is an aquatic plant native to eastern and central North America. The plant grows in shallow water and muddy shorelines. The brilliant purple flowers bloom from July thru to October. Seeds are edible off the plant or can be dried and added to granola cereals. Very young leaves can be used as salad greens. Dragonflies and damselflies commonly lay their eggs on plant stems near the water surface. Fish (more than just pickerel) may seek shelter in clumps of these plants, hence the common name of pickerel weed.