

Invasive species of seaweed in Ireland

# Wireweed

*Sargassum muticum*

## MORPHOLOGY



Usually up to 2 m. Light brown colour. Attached by a disc-shaped holdfast. Highly branched, bushy. It has leaf-like proliferations and small gas vesicles along the thallus. Slimy to the touch.

## WHERE AND WHEN TO FIND IT




Sheltered areas (also rock pools), low intertidal to high subtidal. Abundant in Spring and Summer.

## POSSIBLE MISIDENTIFICATIONS



*Halydris siliquosa*, flattened fronds and bigger bladders.  
*Cystoseira sp.*, smaller, more robust and rough to the touch.

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invasive seaweed

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