

APONOGETON DISTACHYUS L. f. (APONOGETONACEAE).—USA, CA, San Diego Co., Kearny Mesa (32°50'N, 117°10'W), within 100 m of n. end of Kearny Mesa Rd. at s. edge of Miramar Naval Air Station and Miramar Mounds Natural Landmark, 20 Dec 1978, *J. Keeley 7269* (LOC); 22 Mar 1979, *J. Keeley 7270, 7274* (LOC), 7271, 7273 (RSA), 7272 (LAM). Rooted floating aquatic, occasional in undisturbed vernal pools, abundant in deeper pools and marshes created by a stream. Tuberos rhizomes may allow it to survive dry periods. Flowers Dec–Apr. Verified by C. Davidson (LAM) and R. Thorne (RSA).

Previous knowledge. Native to s. Africa, commonly cultivated in parks. Reported as an escape in San Mateo Co. (Munz, Supplement to a Calif. fl. 1968). Herbaria consulted: RSA, LAM.

Significance. New plant family for S CA. In some deeper pools *A. distachyus* is an aggressive colonizer, further endangering native vernal pool flora.