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Subject:	Re: Starry Stonewort - Rock Lake
Date:	Friday, August 21, 2026 12:53:25 PM
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Yeah what stands out to me is the large size that's stiff out of water, and the lack of bracts on most of the lower branchlets but abundant bract cells on the upper branchlets.

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You beat me to it - I had an email typed up that I was leaning towards SSW as well, I think I can see evidence of potential uneven bract cells along branchlets that would be indicative of SSW:

I've had a few very large Nitella flexilis observations this year and attaching those correspondences for reference here with a nice side-by-side against SSW. But I think this rock lake specimen is more indicative of SSW than Nitella.

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Yes, I agree that it's SSW.

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Hey Paul and Patrick,

See attached, some photos from Colton Hutchinson with Jefferson County of some possible SSW found during a PI on Rock Lake this week. Hoping to get your thoughts?

I haven't had a chance to chat with Colton yet on where in the lake he found the plant. But, I'll be likely be seeing if there a time next week I can see the specimen with him too.

Thanks!

Shelby

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Hi Shelby,

We are currently out on Rock Lake conducting a Point Intercept Survey and came across this guy which I am fairly certain is Starry Stonewort. The segments just dissolve or loose the inside structure when pulled apart.

See the attached photo. I did also grab some specimens.

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