Vegetative plants of *Limosella* may be easily mistaken for small variants or juvenile *Ranunculus flammula*. The best time to search for *Limosella* (which is either spreading, or becoming better recorded, or both) is in August-September when the water levels are low and it is in flower or fruit.

*Limosella aquatica* L.: Lowest leaves invariably subulate; petioles of upper leaves distinctly narrowing towards blade, distinctly circular in cross section with obvious central ‘column’.

*Ranunculus flammula* L.: Lowest leaves subulate to expanded; petioles of upper leaves ± even in width, slightly flattened or grooved on upper surface with even spread of tissue throughout.