

WATER PRIMROSE

Ludwigia grandiflora & Ludwigia peploides

What is it?

An invasive non-native plant from South America. It has become a serious pest in other countries, including France, where it smothers water bodies reducing the numbers of native species and potentially increasing the risk of flooding.



Where might I see it?

A recent invader which has been spreading rapidly and may be found across Great Britain in ponds, lakes and slow flowing water. May be present in gardens (in which it was originally planted).

How do you distinguish it from other plants?

- ▶ Grows upright (image a and d) as well as a spreading form in water (image c).
- ▶ Leaves dark green with lighter central vein, shape varies from long and thin to oval (image c, d and e).
- ▶ Bright yellow flowers with 5 petals present July to August (image b).
- ▶ Characteristic fruits which contain seeds (image f).

for more ID go to www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/waterprimrose



If you find this plant in the wild, in a garden or on sale, please contact:

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