

# Have you seen this plant?

Water primrose, *Ludwigia grandiflora*



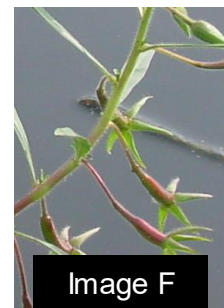
## What is it?

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

## What does it look like?



- Grows upright (images A and B) and as a spreading form in water (image C).
- Leaves are dark green with a lighter central vein, shape varies from long and thin to oval (images B, C, and D).
- Flowers are bright yellow with 5-6 petals, and present from August to October (image E).
- Has characteristic fruits which contain seeds (image F).



## Where might I see it?

Water primrose may be found in the wild across Great Britain in ponds, lakes and slow flowing water. It may also be present in gardens (in which it was originally planted).

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