

Ducklettuce

Ottelia alismoides

Description

It is currently listed on the Federal Noxious Weed list.

Habit

Annual, herbaceous, submersed aquatic plant.

Leaves

Oval, green in color and submerged, sometimes partly emergent in shallow water.

Stems

Flowers

White in color, 3 petals with a yellow blotch at the center.

Fruits and Seeds

Small, ribbed, oval, tan seeds that range from 15-40 mm long with a beaked tip. Plants are capable of producing up to 2000 seeds.

Habitat

Native to southeastern Asia. Found in freshwater lakes, reservoirs, ponds, marshes and ditches.





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Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

May be confused with other aquatic plants such as *Echinodorus berteroi*.

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Small populations can be controlled by hand pulling which should be done before flowering and seed-set. Registered aquatic herbicides can provide temporary control in small scales.

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