

European waterclover

Marsilea quadrifolia

Description

Available as a water garden and aquarium plant.

Habit

Aquatic; rooted fern that grows at depths of up to 30 cm (1 ft); forms monotypic stands. Roots at and between the nodes.

Leaves

On long petioles, resemble those of a four-leaf clover, may be floating or emergent.

Stems

Thin; green in color.

Flowers

Non-flowering.

Fruits and Seeds

No fruits or seeds.

Habitat

Native to Europe. Found in still or slow-moving waters in ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, ditches.

Reproduction

Vegetatively and by its sporocarps which may be dispersed by waterfowl and other animals.





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Similar

Dwarf waterclover (*Marsilea minuta*) and Rough waterclover (*Marsilea hirsuta*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Clearing off boats and other water-related equipment will help prevent spreading.

Credits

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