

STOP THE INVASION



European Frog-bit

Hydrocharis morsus-ranae

European Frog-bit outcompetes native plants and causes a dramatic decrease in habitat for aquatic wildlife.

UNWANTED PLANTS

Origin

European Frog-bit is native to Europe. It was introduced to a pond in Ottawa for a horticultural display in 1932. By 1939 it was seen growing in nature along the Rideau Canal.

Status

Currently it is found along the Ottawa, Rideau, and St. Lawrence rivers. It is also found along the shorelines of the Great Lakes and in lakes in Washington, New York, and Michigan. It has not yet reached Manitoba.

Impacts

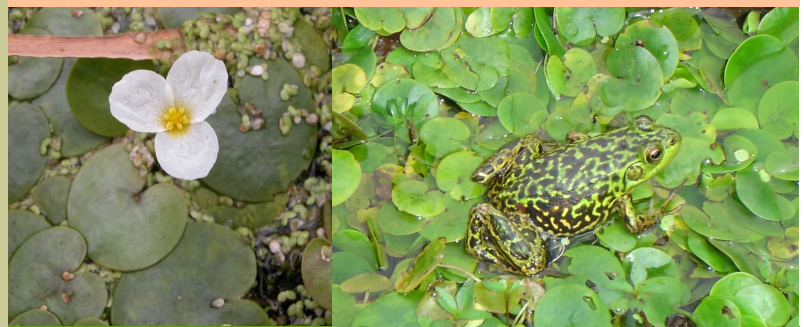
Becomes the dominant plant in wetlands and reduces native plant diversity. Interferes with swimming, boating, fishing, and waterfowl hunting.

Where to Look

Wetlands, shallow ponds, open marshes, ditches, and edges of lakes. European Frog-bit does not normally grow in flowing water. It is sold on the internet and in garden centres as a pond plant.

LOOK FOR:

- ◇ **LEAVES: ROUND AND HEART-SHAPED. UNDERSIDES ARE PURPLISH-RED.**
- ◇ **FLOWERS: WHITE WITH 3 ROUNDED PETALS AND A YELLOW CENTRE.**
- ◇ **ROOTS: 10-20 CM LONG AND DO NOT ANCHOR PLANTS TO THE BOTTOM.**



PREVENT THE SPREAD INTO MANITOBA
Do not use European Frog-bit in water gardens. Remove all plant materials from boats and equipment before leaving any water body.

Report a Sighting!

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