

WANTED

Frogbit (*Limnobium laevigatum*).



Description

Frogbit is a perennial floating waterweed. Leaves are bright green usually rounded at the tip, up to 4 cm across and glossy on top. Young leaves are round, spongy on the underside and float lying flat on the water surface. As the leaves mature they lose their spongy underside become more oval shaped and can extend up to 50 cm above the water.

The flowers are about 13 mm wide white, greenish-white or yellowish and either male or female (male flowers are on longer stalks often above the female flowers). The fruit is a fleshy berry-like capsules with up to 100 seeds and are 4 – 13 mm long and 2 – 5 mm in diameter. After the female flowers have been pollinated, the flower stalk bends over so that fruit are formed in the mud or underwater.

The seeds are slightly flattened 1 mm long and hairy.

There are two types of stems, short stems that are mostly branched and have leaves and long unbranched runners up to 50 cm long with no leaves that produce a daughter plant on the end of the runner. The roots are hairy and are firmly anchored in the substrate if the water is less than 30 cm deep. One major root grows quickly downwards from the base of the leaves. This root is 2 mm thick and up to 30 cm long. Minor roots are 1 mm thick and up to 10 cm long and they grow slowly from the major root.

Goal

To Eradicate from the Shoalhaven

Whereabouts

Last seen Bomaderry and Sanctuary Point. Found in watercourses.

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Native Look-alike