



## *Hydrocotyle verticillata*

### Common Name(s):

pennywort

### Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

### Distribution:

Only known from a stream in Hawkes Bay and Tauranga, Bay of Plenty.

### Habitat:

Still and slow flowing water bodies and wetlands.

### Features\*:

Slender emergent or submerged, creeping, glabrous perennial herb. Leaves alternate, peltate, orbiculate with crenate margins, up to 60 mm across. Petiole up to 30 cm long. Inflorescence of several whorls of subsessile flowers c. 1 mm across, pinkish green. Fruit 4 mm across, with prominent ribs.

### Flowering:

Summer

### Fruiting:

Summer to autumn

### \*Attribution:

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### For more information, visit:

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**Caption:** Flowering *Hydrocotyle verticillata*

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**Caption:** Foliage of *Hydrocotyle verticillata*

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