



## *Hydrocleys nymphoides*

### **Common Name(s):**

Water poppy

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Distribution:**

Locally naturalised in northern North Island south to the Rotorua lakes, eradicated from most known sites.

### **Habitat:**

Still and flowing water bodies, including ponds, streams and lake margins to ca 2m water depth.

### **Features\*:**

Underwater stem is elastic, creeping, or floating near the water surface. Leaves and roots attached at each node along the stem. Leaves are bright glossy green, oval, 7 cm long, and have an inflated main vein on the underside. The leaf sinus is shallow. Flowers consist of 3 yellow petals with a purple centre (filaments) and are up to 8 cm across.

### **Flowering:**

Late summer

### **Fruiting:**

No seed production known in NZ

### **\*Attribution:**

Factsheet prepared by Paul Champion and Deborah Hofstra (NIWA).

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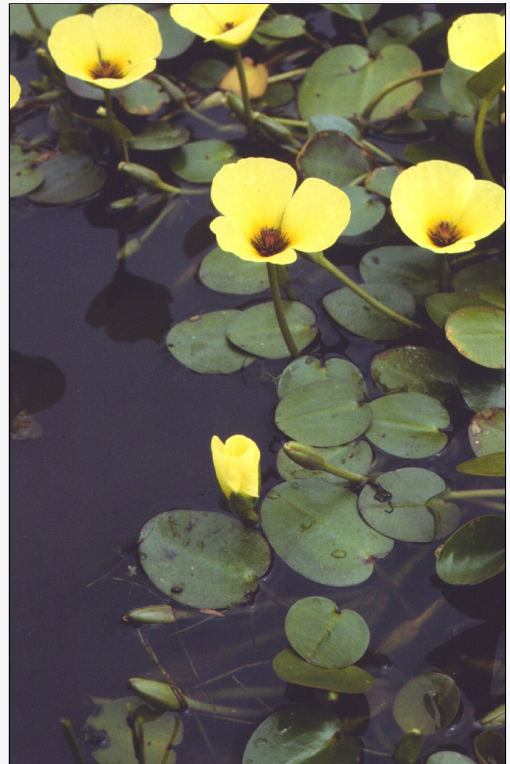
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**Caption:** Leaf underside

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**Caption:** Flowers

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