

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Yellow Waterlily

Family

Nymphaeaceae

Where found

Aquatic in fresh water to about 2 m deep. Sydney area and north. Canberra.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb. **Rhizomes** vertical, to about 30 cm long, about 4 cm thick, with long horizontal **stolons** produced at the tips. New plants produced at the **nodes** of the stolons. Fruit fleshy. Leaves almost round with a radial slit, 7- about 25 cm long, 70- about 250 mm in diameter, lower surface purplish with dark flecks, upper surface green, often with brown mottling about 10 mm in diameter; margins slightly wavy. Flowers bright yellow, sometimes white, 60- about 120 mm in diameter, with many '**petals**'. Flowers standing up to 0.12 m above the water. Flowers mostly summer. Fruit enclosed by the '**petals**', drawn beneath the water surface by the spiralling flower stalk.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Murray and Riverina areas, NSW (as *Nymphaea species*)

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Nymphaea~mexicana> (accessed 20 April 2021)

Description partly based on Flora of North America: http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=233500827 (accessed 20 April 2021)

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