

Pistia stratiotes

Common names:

Water lettuce
Tropical duckweed

Origin:

Nativity unknown, but possibly South America, Africa, Southeastern US

Key features:

Free floating plant that resembles a head of lettuce

Stems: Roots are long and feathery

Leaves: Leaves are fleshy and covered with dense white hairs and have parallel venation

Flowers: Several male flowers form a whorl around a spike with one female flower below them

Fruits/Seeds: Fruit are light green berries that produce 0.04 inch (1 mm) brown seeds

Reproduction: Seeds and stolons

Easily confused with:

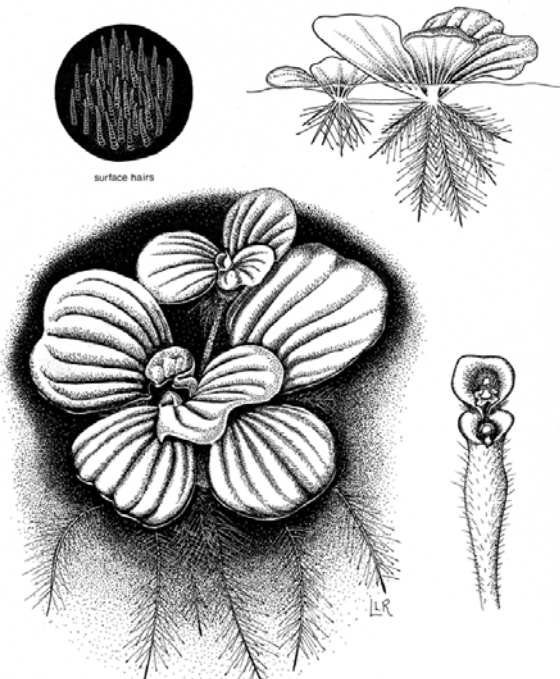
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