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Appearance: Perennial herb to 1.5 m (4 ft) tall, with thick shoots from a large corm; slender stolons also often produced, along with offshoot corms.

Leaves: Blades to 60 cm (24 in) long and 50 cm (20 in) wide, arrowhead shaped, with upper surface dark green and velvety; leaves peltate (stalked from back of blade).

Flowers: Flowers tiny, densely crowded on upper part of fleshy stalk, with female flowers below and male flowers above.

Fruit: A small berry, in clusters on the fleshy stalk.

Ecological threat:

Considered an "aggressive weed" in parts of the Southeast; forms dense growth along river and lake shores, displacing native shoreline vegetation. FLEPPC Category I



Distribution: NW, NE, C, SW, SE

Field Notations

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