

Nymphoides cristata crested floating-heart



N. indica
water snowflake

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Appearance: Floating stems from a buried rootstock; single leaf with a short petiole at tip of each stem; slender tuberous roots dangle from the stem-leaf node.

Leaves: Heart-shaped leaves with cordate bases; margins smooth.

Flowers: White with wide membranous margins, glabrous; 0.75-2.4 cm (0.3-0.9 in) wide; petal lobes crested with an erect fold of tissue along upper midvein.

Fruit: An oblong capsule; seeds rounded, smooth.

Ecological threat:

FLEPPC Category II—Invasive exotics that have increased in abundance or frequency but have not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species.

Distribution: C, SW, SE



Field Notations

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