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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.

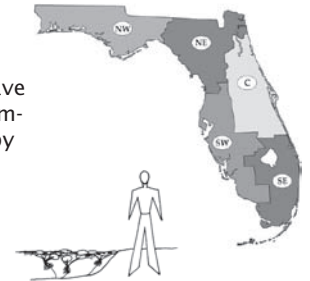
**Flowers:** White with wide membranous margins, glabrous; 0.75–2.4 cm (0.3–0.9 in) wide; petal lobes crested with an erect fold of tissue along upper midvein.

**Fruit:** An oblong capsule; seeds rounded, smooth.

*Nymphoides indica* also has been introduced to Florida waters. It is currently not on the FLEPPC List.

**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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