

# Frogbit

## Species Description

**Scientific name:** *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*

Frogbit is an attractive aquatic plant that floats on the surface of ponds, lakes and still waterways. Looking like a small water-lily, it is in bloom during July and August. In the winter, it becomes dormant and its buds are buried in the mud at the bottom of the pond. When it grows back, it provides shelter for tadpoles, small fish and dragonfly larvae.

This species is classified as Vulnerable on the Vascular Plant Red Data List for Great Britain.

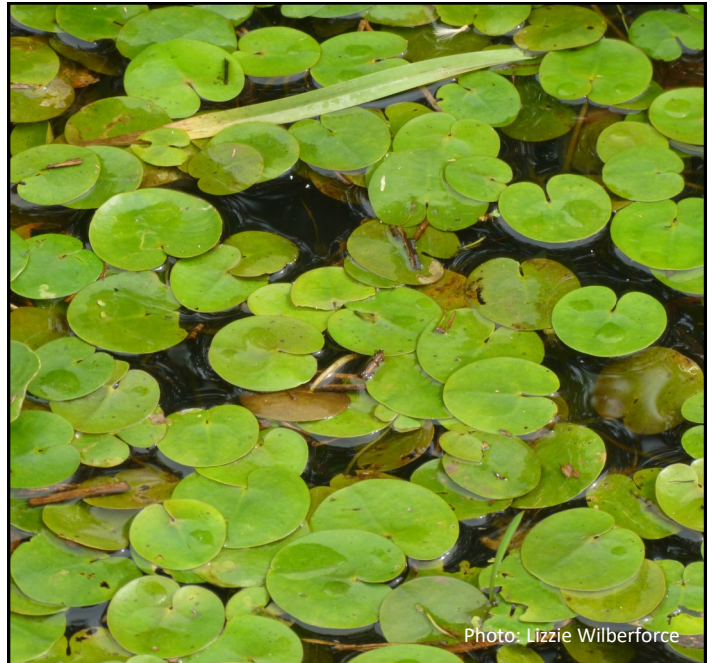


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## Key ID features

Floating, kidney-shaped leaves.

Whole plant is free-floating, with long runners

Three petalled white flower with yellow centre (not pictured)



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