

Greater Bladderwort

Species Description

Scientific name: *Utricularia vulgaris*

This is an aquatic species of carnivorous plant. The underwater leaves have tiny bladders that create a vacuum to suck in and digest prey. The plant is free-floating and does not put down roots. Stems can attain lengths of over one metre in a single growing season. The yellow flowers are borne on stalks above the surface of the water between April and August.

This species can be locally frequent but is rare outside of the Norfolk Broads and Somerset.



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Key ID features

Leaves are 1-8cm long and finely divided

Small bladder-like traps for ingesting prey

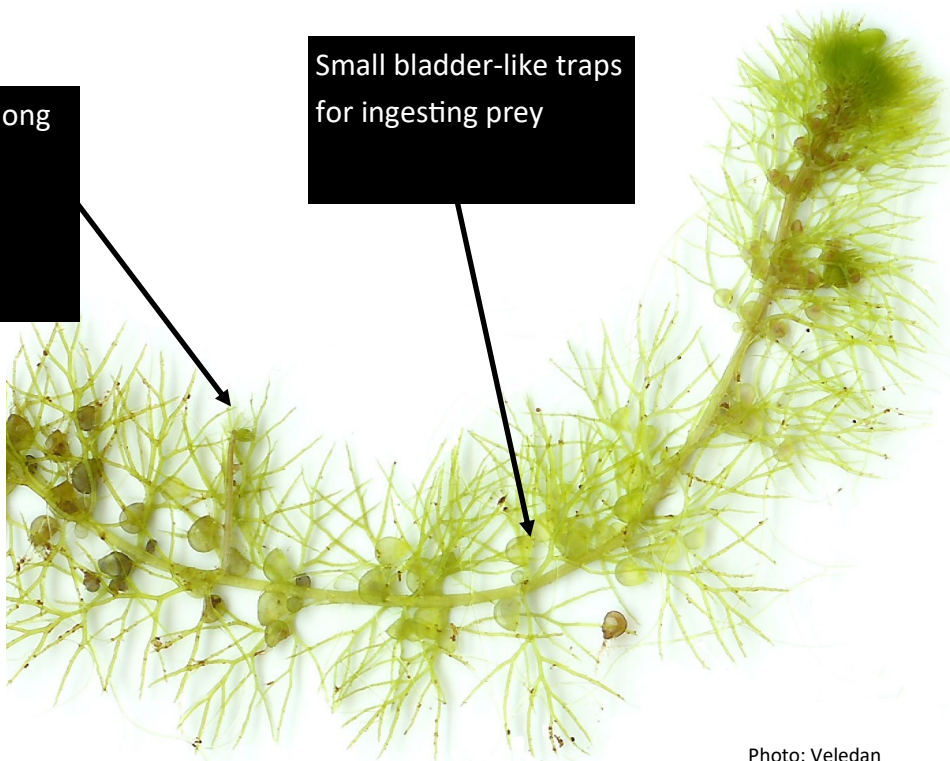


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