



Plant Information

Common Name: Water Lettuce
Scientific Name: *Pistia stratiotes*
Plant Type: Aquatic Plant

Physical Characteristics

Height/Spread: Height up to 15 cm, spread up to 30 cm
Growth Rate: Fast
Flower Color(s): Inconspicuous
Foliage Color(s): Bright green
Bloom Time: Summer

Plant Description

Water Lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*) is a floating aquatic plant known for its bright green foliage and ability to improve water quality. This fast-growing plant thrives in full sun to part shade conditions and requires high water levels. Water Lettuce is commonly used in water gardens, ponds, and water features, where it floats gracefully on the water's surface. It is easy to maintain and adds a unique touch to any aquatic landscape. Additionally, Water Lettuce helps control algae growth by absorbing excess nutrients from the water, making it a beneficial addition to any aquatic environment.

Optimal Growing Requirements



Sun: Full Sun to Part Shade



Soil: N/A (aquatic plant)



Water: High Watering



Hardiness Zone(s): Zone 8-10

Maintenance & Care

Maintenance Level: Low
Potential Pests & Diseases: Susceptible to root rot and whitefly infestations

Additional Information

Special Features: Floats on water, helps improve water quality by absorbing nutrients
Common Uses: Ideal for water gardens, ponds, and water features

Notes



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