



Nuphar lutea ssp. advena

broadleaf pond-lily

Family	Nymphaeaceae		
Origin	Native		
WIS Code	OBL	CoC	4

DESCRIPTION

Large heart-shaped leaves of this perennial aquatic plant are about 30 cm wide and green on both sides. The lower leaf surface, leaf stalk and flower stalk are sometimes softly hairy. Leaves float or emerge slightly above the water surface.



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FLOWERS AND FRUITS

May through October. Solitary flowers are spherical, 4 to 8 cm wide with six yellow petal-like sepals. Oval flat-topped fruits contain numerous seeds.

HABITAT

Shallow, still or stagnant waters, marshes, and pond margins.



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SIMILAR SPECIES

Nymphaea odorata, fragrant waterlily, also has heart-shaped leaves (10 to 30 cm across), but they are reddish beneath. The showy flowers with 15 or more petals are white or rarely pink. *Nelumbo lutea*, American lotus, has round leaves with the stem attached in the center of the leaf. The flowers are very pale yellow with many petals, or occasionally pink. The seedpod has an unusual showerhead-like shape.



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Nymphaea odorata



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Nelumbo lutea



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Nelumbo lutea seedpod