



FROGBIT

(*Limnobium laevigatum*)

THIS PLANT IS PROHIBITED MATTER UNDER NSW BIOSECURITY ACT 2015

Frogbit is a floating water weed with small, round glossy leaves. It grows on the surface of freshwater ponds, dams and lakes and has been found within the Camden Local Government Area. The plants grow very quickly, forming dense mats over water bodies and can block waterways.

Aquatic weeds like frogbit prevent native water plants from growing and reduce available light, food and shelter for fish and other aquatic animals. Frogbit also limits recreational activities such as fishing, swimming or boating.

KEY FEATURES:

- Bright green glossy leaves up to 4cm width;
- Young leaves are spongy on the underside and sit flat on the water surface while mature leaves can extend above the water;
- White, green or yellowish flowers; and
- Hairy roots that can extend to the substrate in shallow water.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

- Dispersal of seeds and stem fragments by water currents and birds;
- Dumping of unwanted aquarium/pond plants; and
- By boats and trailers that move between waterways.

Frogbit seeds can remain viable for at least 3 years so long-term treatment of any infestations is required.

If you see this plant, report it immediately to Camden Council's Biosecurity Officer on 13 22 63 or by emailing council@camden.nsw.gov.au, or contact NSW Department of Primary Industries.

For more information visit weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Frogbit



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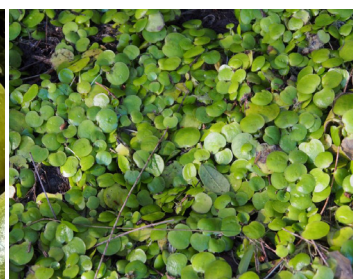


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