

KIDNEY-LEAF MUD PLANTAIN

(*Heteranthera reniformis*)

IT IS PROHIBITED TO SELL OR DISTRIBUTE THIS PLANT IN NSW

Kidney-leaf mud plantain is a sprawling water weed with kidney-shaped leaves. It can form dense mats in shallow freshwater and on damp soil at the water's edge and has been found within the Camden Local Government Area.

This weed can choke dams and waterways by reducing water flow. It smothers native water plants preventing them from growing and reduces food, light and shelter for fish and other aquatic animals.

KEY FEATURES:

- Bright green glossy kidney shaped leaves that are up to 5cm in width;
- Stems can grow along the mud, under the water or the whole plant can float on the water;
- White, mauve to pale-blue flowers on a spike; and
- Leaves can float on the surface or may also extend more than 20cm above the water.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Dispersal of seeds and stem fragments occurs by:

- Water currents or animals;
- In mud that is transferred between properties by animals, people and vehicles;
- Dumping of unwanted aquarium/pond plants; and
- By boats and trailers that move between waterways.

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/KidneyleafMudPlantain

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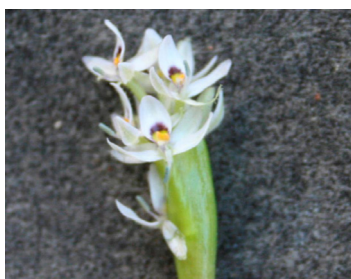


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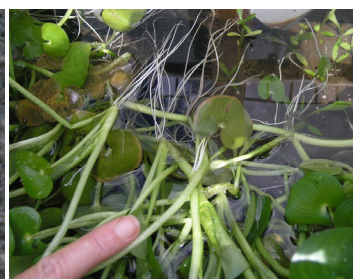


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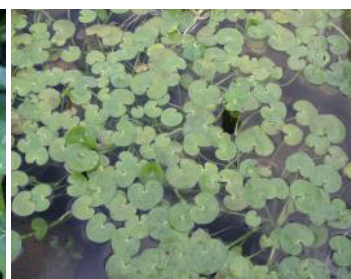


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