

Water primrose **Alert!**

We need you to report any sightings of this plant.

If you think you have found water primrose, **'check the identification'** then send a photo and location details to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk



- Water primrose *Ludwigia grandiflora* is an **invasive non-native plant** that is invading our ponds, lakes, wetlands, ditches and watercourses.
- It was introduced as an ornamental garden plant, but has now been banned from sale.
- It has already invaded many habitats in Western Europe and Japan, excluding native plants and animals, increasing flood risk, preventing fishing, navigation and reducing the amenity value.
- In the UK the Environment Agency is coordinating the eradication of water primrose, before it gets too established in the wild.
- If you have water primrose in your garden, it is a criminal offence to spread it into the wild. Follow the **'be plant wise'** campaign and dispose of it safely.



Help us eradicate water primrose from the UK:

- Read the **ALERT** information on the **'non-native species secretariat website'**
- Report any sightings of the plant to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk
- If you have the plant on your land, don't let it spread. Contact the Environment Agency for advice on how to remove it **03708 506 506**
- Always follow strict biosecurity and adopt the **'check-clean-dry'** campaign
- **Remember, spread the word, not the weed!**