

# Garden pond perils

Remove and destroy these yellow-flowered invasive plants from your pond.



**Water poppy (*Hydrocleys nymphoides*)**

*NEM: BA Category 1b – remove and destroy*

Free-floating perennial with long, trailing stems and oval-shaped leaves. Flowers are light yellow with a red and brown centre.

## What can you do to prevent the spread of invasive species?

Learn to identify invader species and inform other gardeners to become eco-friendly and remove invasive alien plants from their gardens.

For more information, visit [www.invasives.org.za](http://www.invasives.org.za)



**Yellow water lily (*Nymphaea mexicana*)**

*NEM: BA Category 1b – remove and destroy*

A rooted aquatic plant with round to oval floating leaves, split at the point where it attaches to the stem. They have fragrant flowers with pointed petals. These plants have escaped from ornamental ponds in gardens and have become invasive in several dams and rivers.



**Yellow flag (*Iris pseudacorus*)**

*NEM: BA Category 1a – remove and destroy*

This is an herbaceous plant 1-1,5 m high with narrow, strap-like leaves. The bright yellow flowers have three large downward facing petals. Numerous pale brown seeds develop in a dry capsule. It thrives in very wet conditions and can quickly overrun indigenous plants.



**Fringed water lily (*Nymphoides peltata*)**

*NEM: BA Category 1a – remove and destroy*

Free-floating water plant with heart-shaped leaves. The flowers protrude several centimetres above the water's surface and have five large petals with distinctly fringed margins.