

Eichhornia crassipes

(Common Water Hyacinth)

Common Water Hyacinth is an aquatic perennial native to south America. It grows in water ponds or in any aquatic area. It has green orbiculate leaves, usually having undulated margins. It grows flower panicles that are violet or lilac in color generally. Its fruit is a capsule containing the seeds of the plant.

Do best in poorly drained soils, in full to partial sun. This plant is highly invasive and is considered as noxious plant in some countries, especially in aquatic areas.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: jacinthe d'eau

Arabic Name: ورد النيل سميك الساق العربية

Pronunciation: ike-HORN-ee-uh KRASS-ih-peeZ

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: South America

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Container, Water/Rain Garden

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Venation: Bowed
Leaf Persistence: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Orbiculate
Leaf Margins: Undulate, Entire
Leaf Textures: Glossy
Leaf Scent: No Fragrance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: Over 20
Flower Type: Panicle
Flower Scent: No Fragrance
Flower Color: Yellow, Purple, Blue
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule
Fruit Showiness: False
Fruit Colors: Brown

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: High

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Division
