

# INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

## Floating Pennywort

The highly-invasive Floating Pennywort has recently been found in some waterways across East Anglia.

This plant has a rapid growth rate (up to 25cm per day) and can regenerate from small fragments. It quickly dominates water-courses by forming thick mats that affect oxygen levels in the water, killing off native wildlife and damaging habitat. It can clog sluices and drains, potentially increasing flood risk and can be so prolific that boaters, anglers and others are unable to use the waterway.

Floating Pennywort easily spreads with water-flow, animals and pleasure craft. It is essential that when found, it is eradicated from the area as soon as possible.

## Prevent the spread...

1. Familiarise yourself with the plant so you can easily recognise it.
2. Record the location of any suspected specimens accurately, using the [iRecord App](#), [What 3 Words App](#) or [Grid Reference Finder](#).
3. Bio-Security is key: "[Check Clean Dry](#)" any equipment that has been on or in the water and before using it again or re-launching.
4. Report all sightings to the Environment Agency's 24/7 hotline: 0800 807060

## Key ID Features

Floating Pennywort resembles the native Marsh Pennywort, which has smaller, round leaves with the stalk attached to the centre of the leaf, like an umbrella.

Floating Pennywort is larger with the stalk attached between lobes of kidney shaped leaf.



Shiny, kidney-shaped leaves with crinkled edge, frequently broader than long

Grows horizontally



## Further Guidance can be found at....

Environment Agency | [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) | 03708 506 506

Norfolk Non Native Species Initiative | <http://www.nnnsi.org/>

GB Non-Native Species Secretariat | <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/>

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