PLANT FACT SHEET

Hydrocharis morsus-ranae L.

GENUS *Hydrocharis* **FAMILY** Hydrocharitaceae

COMMON NAMES European frogbit

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young shoots and leaves are eaten as a raw vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A floating plant. It keeps growing from year to year and has stolons or horizontal stems. It is about 30-50 cm long. The leaves are circular. They are thick and heart shaped at the base. They are about 5 cm across. The leaf stalks have leaf like structures at the base. The flowers are separately male and female on the same plant. There are 1-4 flowers. The male spadix bract has a stalk while the female one does not. The fruit are rounded and with ribs. There are many seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in pools and marshes.

NOTES

There are 6 Hydrocharis species.

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