PLANT FACT SHEET

Nymphoides geminata (R. Br.) Kuntze

GENUS *Nymphoides* **FAMILY** Menyanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Large Marshwort, Eastern Marshwort, Entire Marshwort, Star Fringe, Yellow water fringe, Yellow water snowflake

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Tubers

The tubers are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A water-lily like plant. Stems are usually absent. The leaves are round with a heart shaped base and floating. They are 3-8 cm across. The leaf stalks are 20 cm long. The flowers are yellow and the petals have fringes. The flowers are 3 cm across. The fruit is a capsule 0.5-0.8 cm long. The seeds are round but slightly flattened.

HABITAT

It grows in swamps and pools. It can grow in fast-flowing fresh water. It can grow in water 2.5 m deep. It grows in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate locations. It grows to 1,000 m altitude in New South Wales.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division. They can also be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 30 Nymphoides species.

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