PLANT FACT SHEET

Lemna gibba L.

GENUS *Lemna* **FAMILY** Araceae

COMMON NAMES Fat duckweed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are used for salads or as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A floating herb. It has thick spongy leaves. They are almost round and 0.8 cm across. There is one small root attached to each leaf. The fronds are bright green on top and grey underneath.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and tropical places. It needs sun. It grows in still water. In Argentina it grows between sea level and 4,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are 13 Lemna species. Also put in the family Lemnaceae. The Lemnaceae or Duckweeds float on ponds.

PICTURES



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