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Hydrocotyle americana

[Synonyms : *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*]

LARGE PENNYWORT is a creeping aquatic perennial. Native to North America it has minute, inconspicuous greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as American marsh pennywort, Floating pennywort, Marsh pennywort, Pennywort, and Water pennywort.

The stems often root in mud at their joints.

Americana means ‘of or from America (North or South)’.

At the end of the 20th Century warnings were being given in Britain that large pennywort was sometimes being sold in the Country under the name of the British native marsh pennywort (*Hydrocotyle vulgaris*). It is viewed as so invasive there that two British bodies, the Government Environment Agency and English Nature, were seeking to have it banned from sale.