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*Nymphaea odorata* subsp. *tuberosa*

[Synonyms : *Nymphaea tuberosa*]

**TUBEROUS WATER LILY** is a deciduous aquatic perennial. Native to north-eastern North America it has large slightly fruity scented, pure white flowers.

It is also known as Magnolia water lily, and Water lily.

The flowers open in the morning.

Warning – tuberous water lily is potentially poisonous.

*Odorata* is derived from Latin *odor* (scent, smell, odour) meaning ‘scented or fragrant’.

*Tuberosa* means ‘tuberous’ with reference to its roots.

Although this plant may be poisonous it has been used medicinally in the past in similar ways to the American white pond lily (*Nymphaea odorata*) for such problems as dysentery, diarrhoea, inflammation, ulcers and boils.