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Nymphoides peltata

[Synonyms : *Limnanthemum nymphaeoides*, *Limnanthemum nymphoides*, *Limnanthemum peltatum*, *Menyanthes nymphoides*, *Nymphoides flava*, *Nymphoides nymphaeoides*, *Nymphoides orbiculata*, *Nymphoides peltata* var. *bennettii*, *Nymphoides rotundifolia*, *Villarsia bennettii*, *Villarsia nymphoides*]

FRINGED WATER-LILY is a creeping aquatic perennial. Native to Asia, Europe and the Mediterranean, it has above water small fringed-petalled, delicately scented golden yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Ffâen Cors Eddiog* (Welsh), Floating heart, Fringe, Fringed buckbean, *Kura* (Punjabi), *Leknovec štítnatý* (Slovak), *Plavín leknínovitý* (Czech), *Plavín štítnatý* (Czech), *Seekanne* (German), *Søblad* (Danish), *Sjögull* (Swedish), Water fringe, and Yellow floating heart.

With its dense floating mats of often brown-mottled, green leaves it is viewed as an invasive noxious weed in some parts of North America.

Peltata is derived from Greek *pelto-* (small round shield, target) component meaning 'shield-shaped' with reference to the stalk's position (towards the centre of the leaf not at the leaf edge).

Waterfowl will eat the leaves and stems.

Medicinally, the leaves have been used in India for treating intermittent headaches.