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Utricularia vulgaris

[Synonyms : *Lentibularia major*, *Lentibularia vulgaris*, *Utricularia x biseriata*, *Utricularia major*, *Utricularia officinalis*, *Utricularia vulgaris* var. *typica*]

GREATER BLADDERWORT is a deciduous free-floating, aquatic perennial. Found in northern temperate areas (particularly Europe and North America) it has small snapdragon-like, yellow flowers.

It is also known as Bladderwort, *Bläddreört* (Swedish), *Blåsört* (Swedish), *Bublinatka obecna* (Czech), *Bublinatka obyčajná* (Slovak), Common bladderwort, Hooded water-milfoil, Lake bladderwort, Marsh bladderwort, *Mörkgul vattenblåddra* (Swedish), Popweed, *Vattenblåddra* (Swedish), and *Vattenblåsört* (Swedish).

Vulgaris means ‘common’.

The bladders have a slit-like opening into which unwary animals can swim and once they are trapped (even partially) they are digested by the plant’s secretions. These bladders on a large plant have been estimated to be able to ensnare 150,000 living organisms.