

yellow pond lily

Nuphar advena

FEATURES

Yellow pond lily, also known as spatterdock and cow lily, is an aquatic perennial herb with thick, underground stems. Its leathery leaves are oval with a heart-shaped base. Leaves are smooth and up to 15 inches long. Flowers are solitary on stalks that bring the flower to the surface. The yellow flowers may be up to two inches across. The leathery fruits are oval-shaped, up to two inches long.

BEHAVIORS

Yellow pond lily grows in standing water in lakes, ponds and swamps. Flowers are produced from June through September. Its stems and leaves may be eaten by deer and muskrats while the seeds are eaten by waterfowl.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Nymphaeales
Family: Nymphaeaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE



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leaves and flower buds

Aquatic Habitats

lakes, ponds and reservoirs; swamps

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none