

SPATTERDOCK
Nuphar advena

Located in tidal waters, pond-margins and swamps throughout the Division as far north as central New York. Also known as Yellow Pond Lily, Cow Lily, Beaver Root and others.

The leaves are normally erect and protrude above the water surface or floating in deeper water; the blade is oval or rounded-oblong, 10 to 40 cm long with a V- or U-shaped gap (4 to 15 cm wide) between the basal lobes. *N. variegatum* is similar in form except that the basal lobes are very close or overlap. Individual flowers are raised above the water level on separate leafless stalks; flowers 6 to 10 cm wide when open, primarily yellow with greenish tips, the central disk green to yellow; blooming from May to October. The mature fruiting disk which remains after the blossom fades is erect or bending into the mud, green and 1.3 to 2.5 cm across.

While providing shade and shelter this species has little food value for fish.





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