



AMERICAN LOTUS  
*Nelumbo lutea*

Located in ponds, slow streams and estuaries locally throughout most of the Division although more common in the south. Also known as Yellow Nelumbo, Water-Chinquapin, Pond-Nuts and Wonkapin.

The large, bluish-green, bowl-shaped leaves are very characteristic; leaves ribbed, hairy below; 30 to 60 cm diameter. Flowers pale yellow; 12 to 25 cm diameter; petals turned up; blooming from July through August. Fruits nut-like, in a large spongy pod (center above). Leaves, flowers and fruit pods held high above the water surface.

Waterfowl may eat seeds; attracts waterfowl, marsh and song birds; roots eaten by beaver; leaves and stems provide shade and cover for fish.



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