



# Aquatic Weed Control, Inc.

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## Like a Duck, Calm on the Surface but...

Like a duck, calm on the surface but always working underneath. The Duck Potato plant is an attractive plant that is beneficial to any pond.

This plant gets its name from the potato-like, underground tubers that grow from the plant's roots, also called rhizomes.

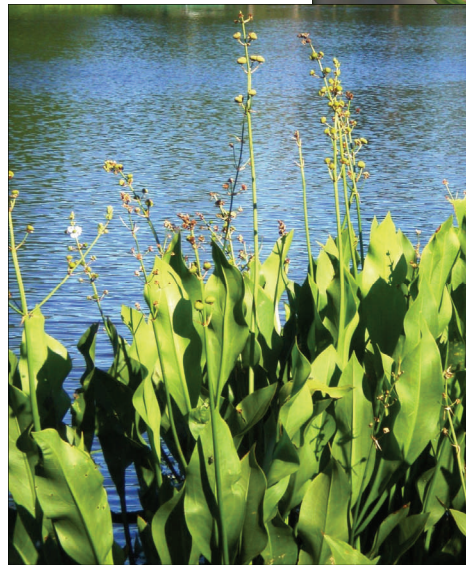
It is a plant that is native to Florida. It is an immersed plant that grows wild in ditches, swamps, lakes and streams. When planted along shorelines this plant helps absorb unwanted nutrients that try to get into the lake from rain runoff. This absorption helps the plant grow and helps to keep nutrients from reaching weeds or seeds that are just waiting to be energized.

It is easy to spot because it has....

- Large, firm, lance-shaped leaves that can be 4 inches wide and grow up to 24 inches long.
- The leaves grow in fan-like rosettes from the roots.
- White, attractive flowers with 3 petals adorn the sturdy stalks. They are often a foot or more higher than the leaves which helps make this plant so recognizable.
- Brownish pods of fruit appear on the stalks. They contain hooked seeds.
- The plant provides food and cover for Florida's wildlife; birds, ducks, and fish. In the wild, beavers and muskrats have been known to eat the seeds and underground tubers/potatoes.

Just about any pond will benefit from having a few of these plants because they act as nature's filtration system. Give us a call for a quick quote.

Like a duck, they are pretty on top and always working underneath...and they won't fly away.



### *We have a bad case of the* **ABLES**

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| - Capable       | - Adaptable  | - Reliable   | - Affordable  |
| - Knowledgeable | - Actionable | - Personable | - Honorable   |
| - Reachable     | - Believable | - Valuable   | - Respectable |

*We've had these abilities for 25 years and we will continue to work hard to keep them a part of Aquatic Weed Control.*

