

American skunk cabbage

Lysichiton americanus

Species of Union concern



Invasive species native to North America. **Rare** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **peat bogs, marshes, near rivers and waterbodies**



Semi-aquatic and aquatic plant. From 30 to 100 cm high

Musty like odour when flowers and leaves are **crushed**. Flowering from April to May



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Forms **large and dense clumps** of vegetation



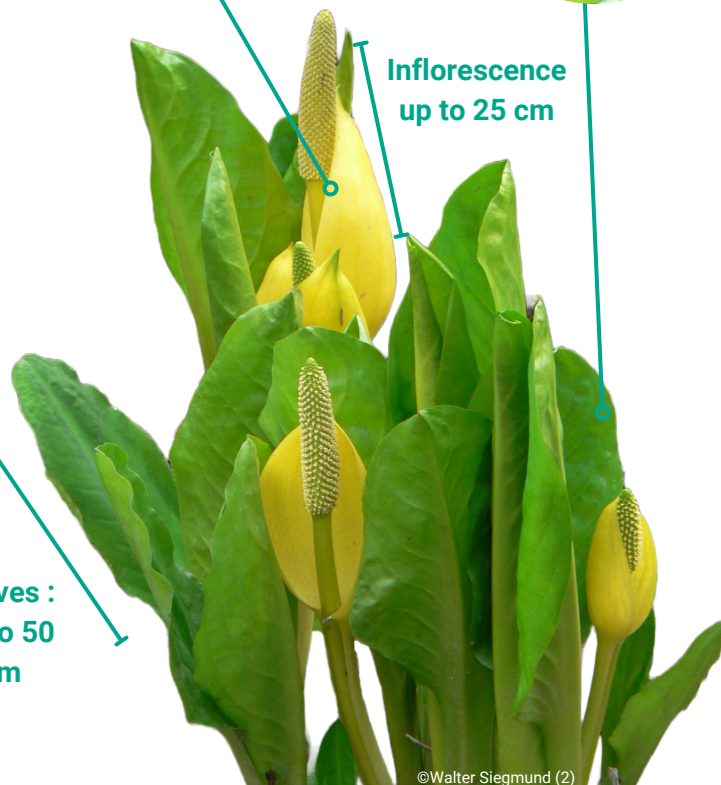
Bright yellow bract at the base of the inflorescence (spathe)

Shiny, thick, leathery leaves with dark spots

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Inflorescence up to 25 cm

Leaves : up to 50 cm

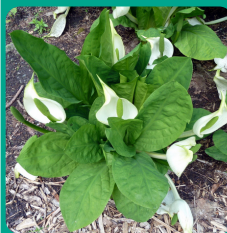


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Not to be confused with

Lysichiton camtschatcensis - Exotic

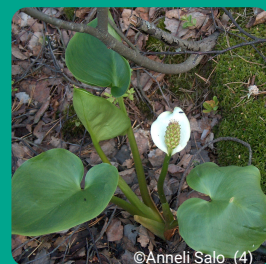
- Matt leaves, absence of dark spots
- White spathe
- Odourless plant
- In Belgium, presence of hybrids between *L. americanus* and *L. camtschatcensis*.



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Calla palustris - Native

- Leaf blades are cordate at the base and acuminate at the top
- Bright red berries



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