

Lizard's tail

Saururus cernuus

LIFE RIPARIAS alert list species



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

Found in **marshes, streams** and **stagnant waters**



Aquatic and semi-aquatic perennial plant, submerged or emerged. Grows to heights of 50 to 60 cm



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The plant can live on the bottom of water bodies in a vegetative form. Fragile appearance

Species with very long rhizomes (up to 5 m) forming **dense mats**



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Elongated, heart-shaped leaves (length > 1,5 x width). The upper leaf surface is dark green while the lower surface is light green



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Leaves :
from 7 to
15 cm
long

Young stem sometimes pubescent which becomes glabrous

White flowers aggregated in spikes, curved downwards, 10-30 cm long



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Green to reddish stems that are zigzag branched

Not to be confused with

Houttuynia cordata - Exotic



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- Orange scent
- 4 white, petal-like bracts at the base

Lysimachia clethroides - Exotic

- Lanceolate, alternately arranged leaves measuring 6 to 11 cm long
- Arching flower spikes. Star-shaped flowers with 5 petals measuring 1 cm wide



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1: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/3484942>

2: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/7717011>

3: <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/50475002>

4: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Houttuynia_cordata_03.jpg

5: https://commons.m.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lysimachia_clethroides_met_zijn_karakteristieke_bloeiwijze_Familie_Primulaceae_02.jpg

