

Floating pennywort

Hydrocotyle ranunculoides

Species of Union concern



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Invasive species native to America. **Widespread** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **fresh, stagnant or slow-moving waters**



Aquatic plant, floating or emerged, rooted in banks and shallow mud

Round and shiny leaves with toothed lobes and a deep cut at the base



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Forms **dense mats** up to 40 cm above the water surface



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Petiole measuring 5 to 40 cm, inserted at the base of the cut

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up to 7 cm

Long, floating stem

Roots at the nodes

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Not to be confused with



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Glechoma hederacea - Native

- Terrestrial plant
- Small, heart-shaped leaves with fine fuzzy hair
- Mint smell when leaves are crushed

Hydrocotyle vulgaris - Native

- Rarely found in water
- Small, umbrella-shaped leaves (< 5 cm) with no cut at the base



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Ranunculus sceleratus - Native

- Leaves clustered at the base of the plant
- Well-defined triangular lobes



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