

# Floating primrose-willow

*Ludwigia peploides*

Species of Union concern



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

Found in **fresh, stagnant or slow-moving waters**. Prefers **sunny areas**



**Semi-aquatic or aquatic plant**. **Stems emerge up to 50 cm** above the water surface

**Alternate leaf arrangement**. **Rounded to lance-shaped** leaves that range from 3 to 6 cm long



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Forms **dense mats** on the surface of the water



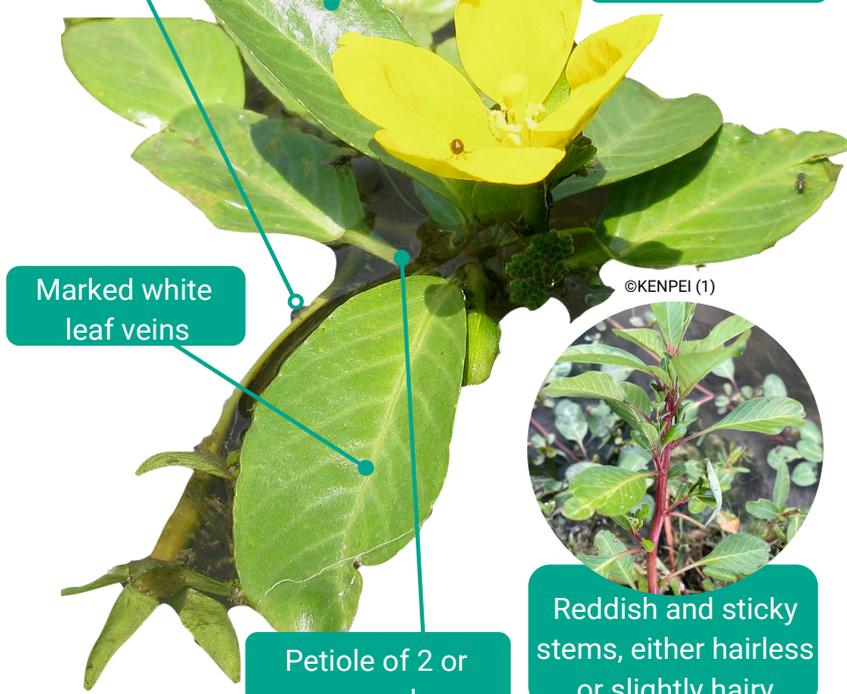
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Round stipules

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Shiny and glabrous leaves, except on the lower leaf surface



Marked white leaf veins

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Reddish and sticky stems, either hairless or slightly hairy

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Petiole of 2 or more cm long

## Not to be confused with



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### *Ludwigia grandiflora* - Exotic

- Emerged leaves are lanceolate and hairy
- Overlapping petals
- Triangular stipules

### *Veronica beccabunga* - Native

- Blue flowers
- Opposite leaf arrangement. Toothed leaves with very short petioles



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