

Plant "Imagination" Water Hyacinth

Eichhoria crassipes



Water hyacinth is a free-floating perennial (annual in our zone) plant that can grow to a height of 3 feet. The dark green leaf blades are circular to elliptical in shape attached to a spongy, inflated petiole. Underneath the water is a thick, heavily branched, dark fibrous root system. The water hyacinth has striking light blue to violet flowers located on a terminal spike. It is considered invasive but controlled in a backyard pond or pot is an interesting plant. It should not be placed in a lake or other water body where it could be invasive.

