

BE PICKY WITH YOUR PLANTS



The sale of five aquatic plant species will be banned from April 2014 in order to protect wildlife. The banned plants are:

- **Water Fern** (*Azolla filiculoides*)
- **Parrot's Feather** (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)
- **Floating Pennywort** (*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*)
- **Australian Swamp Stone-crop/ New Zealand Pygmyweed** (*Crassula helmsii*)
- **Water Primrose** (*Ludwigia peploides / grandiflora*)



What this means for you

As a seller of aquatic plants, it is your responsibility to dispose of any of the above stock you currently hold by April 2014. If you choose to remove from sale, the recommended method is to compost on site. They must NOT be dumped, allowed to escape or to grow in the wild otherwise you will be breaching the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1985. However, if you choose to sell your remaining stock between now and April 2014, you have a duty of care to provide information and advice to your customers about the status of these plants. We are happy to advise you about best practice and how you can help to 'Be Plant Wise'.

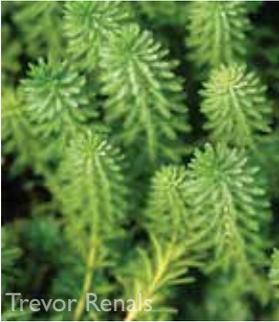
These plants are not native to the UK and have no natural predators or competitors. They grow rapidly and take over the waterbodies (ponds) they are introduced to. This can lead to people clearing out

their ponds and dumping the plants in the wild. Once introduced to the wild these plants clog up our rivers and lakes and have a serious negative impact on our environment and our economy.

The threat from freshwater invasive non-native species (INNS) is growing at an increasing rate. Many countries including the UK are now facing complex and costly problems associated with INNS. In 2010, it was estimated that INNS cost the British economy £1.7 billion per year.

Please contact

or visit www.scrt.co.uk/cfinns
or www.secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/nonnativespecies/home/index.cfm if you would like any further information



Trevor Renals

Parrot's Feather
(*Myriophyllum aquaticum*)



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Pygmyweed
(*Crassula helmsii*)



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Floating Pennywort
(*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*)



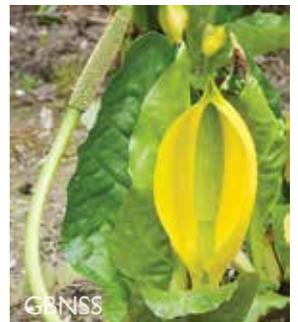
Trevor Renals

Water Primrose
(*Ludwigia peploides/grandiflora*)



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Water Fern
(*Azolla filiculoides*)



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American skunk cabbage
(*Lysichiton americanus*)

Other invasive non-native species you may consider removing from sale which are not currently banned but have a significant negative impacts on our native wildlife.

These include:

- **American skunk cabbage** (*Lysichiton americanus*)
- **Canadian and Nuttalls' waterweed** (*Elodea canadensis* or *nuttalli*)
- **Curly waterweed** (*Lagarosiphon major*)
- **Carolina water-shield** (*Cabomba caroliniana*)