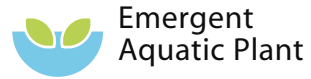
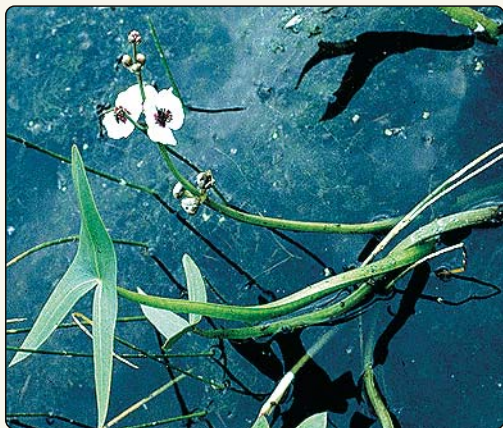


## Arrowhead (*Sagittaria sagittifolia*)



*Arrow-shaped leaves carried above the water*



*Flowers between October and April*

Arrowhead is a perennial aquatic herb that grows in static or slow moving, shallow fresh water such as drains, streams and pond margins.

The herb has walnut sized tubers that grow just below the mud surface, produced on creeping runners. The large, glossy, arrow-shaped leaves are carried above the water on triangular stalks of varying lengths, and plants growing in deeper water may also produce strap-like underwater leaves. Between October and April flower stems grow from the base of the plant, bearing several whorls of flowers. These are comprised of 3 large, pure white petals, each with a purple blotch at its base. The plant spreads by seed, by its creeping root system and from rhizome fragments and tubers.

**This plant is not yet known from New Zealand. Any possible sightings should be reported to your Regional Council immediately.**