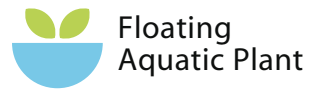


Bogbean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*)



Light green leaves, hairless with three lobes



Inner petals are white and hairy

Bogbean is a perennial plant that can grow in bogs and marshes and at the fringes of lakes or slow flowing rivers.

Bogbean has a creeping rootstock and thick, green stems that often trail along the surface of the water body. It has very characteristic 3-lobed, light green and hairless leaves that emerge from the water. These die back in winter. In early summer long stalks bear pale rose-coloured flowers clustered together in a thick, short spike. The inner petals are white and hairy, with reddish stamens. The flowers produce round, orange seeds.

This species is believed to have been eradicated in New Zealand. It has the potential to become a very serious problem. Any suspected sightings should be reported to your Regional Council.