**Pistia stratiotes**  
**WATER-LETTUCE** 
**Araceae**

**Common Synonyms:** none

**Florida Introduction Date:** pre-1765

**Control Methods:** harvesters and chopping machines.

The water lettuce leaf weevil, Neohydronomus affinis, was released and has established, but does not usually provide adequate control.

**Useful Resources:**
- [http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-profiles/](http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/plant-profiles/) accessed 13 June, 2017
- [http://davesgarden.com](http://davesgarden.com) accessed 13 June, 2017

**Description:** Is an aquatic herb, that floats on the surface on the water. The leaves form a rosette, are grayish-green in color, and are connected to one another by short stolon. The leaves are spongy near the base, are pubescent, and have parallel veins. The flowers are inconspicuous and form near the leaf axil.

**Habitat:** Ponds, sloughs, rivers, and canals.

**FLEPPC Category:** 1

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** Yes

**IFAS Assessment**
- North: PROHIBITED
- Central: PROHIBITED
- South: PROHIBITED

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 9a-11

**Growth Habit:** Aquatic

**Origin:** South America

**IFAS Assessment**
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**Data Source:** Map of Weeds and EDDMapS, 2017

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