



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?
It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County



Flowering is from May to Dec.



**CREEPING WATER
PRIMROSE**

Ludwigia hexapetala

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Distribution map & info:

- calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=5082
- cal-ipc.org/ip/management/plant_profiles/Ludwigia_hexapetala.php



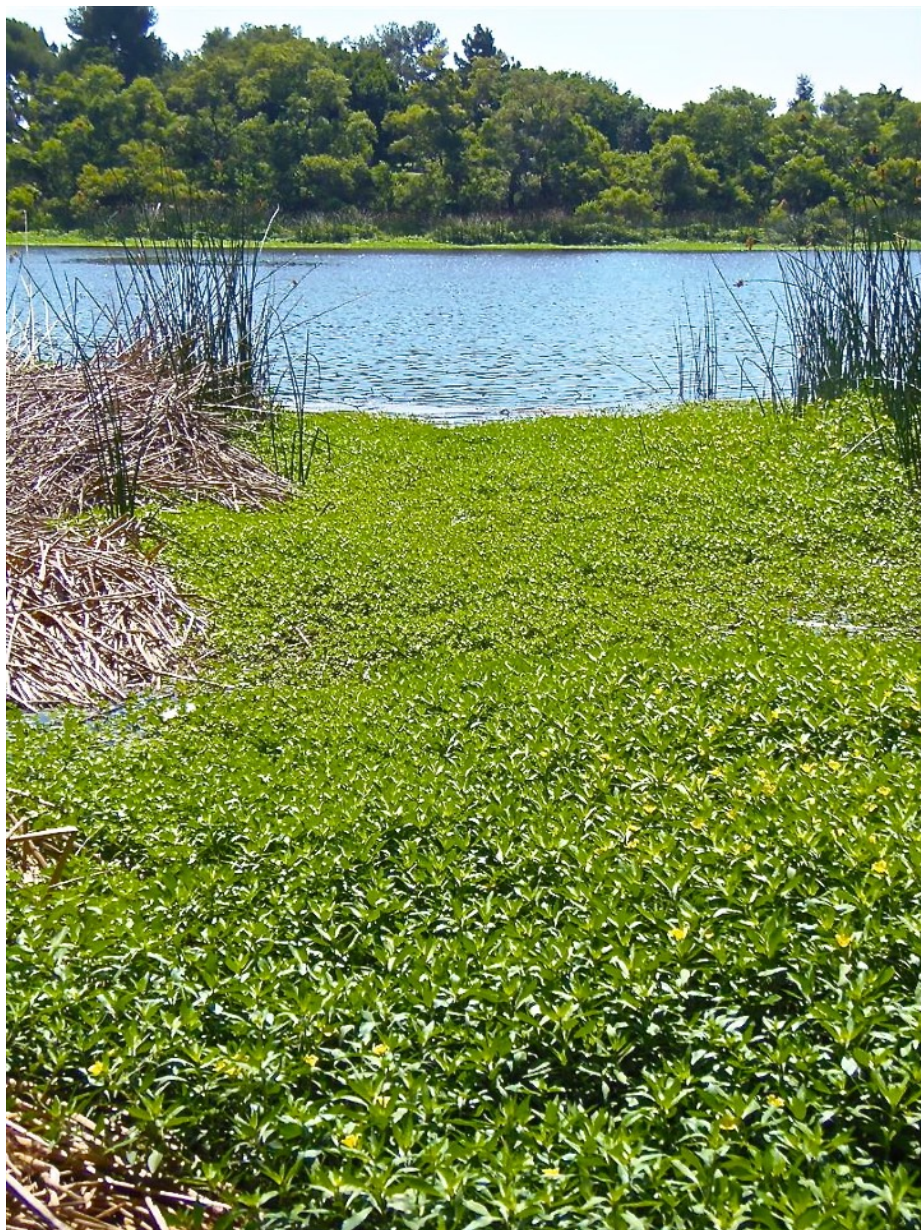
Creeping Water Primrose (aka Uruguay Water-Primrose) is a creeping aquatic plant with floating stems to 12 ft. long. It forms dense mats that are both above & below the water surface. This dense growth impedes water movement, blocks the growth of native plants, and reduces available habitat for waterbirds and fish.

Although this species has been naturalized in California for at least 25 years, its populations have increased exponentially in recent years.

Pieces of the water-primrose mats can catch on boats and other watercraft that then spread the plant to new areas.



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IF YOU SEE THIS PLANT AT A SITE THAT'S NOT ON THE LIST:

- Record the plant's location as exactly as you can (GPS coordinates if possible), the date you saw it, and an estimate of how many there were. Include the site's landowner or manager, if known.
- Take identifying photos: the whole plant & its surroundings, closeups of leaves, flowers & fruits/pods.
- If you take a sample, place it immediately into a sealed bag.
- To avoid spreading the plant, check your clothing and shoes thoroughly before leaving the area, and remove and bag all traces of seeds.
- Report the find immediately to invasives@occnps.org.