

Plant of the Month — June 2020

Nymphoides indica (L.) Kuntze — Marshwort



Nymphoides indica (Marshwort) is an attractive, fast-growing, perennial aquatic. The delicate, fringed flowers are white with yellow centres and are formed above the floating leaves on 2-4 cm long stalks. This species is also known as Snowflake Marshwort as a mass of plants in flower indeed look like snowflakes on water.

Marshwort's flat, almost circular, bright green leaves lie on the water surface and resemble those of water lilies, but despite this resemblance they are not related. The genus name *Nymphoides* means resembling *Nymphaea* (water lily), but the two genera are in different families.

Marshwort occurs across northern Australia and down the eastern seaboard where it grows in still and flowing fresh water to 2m deep.

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