

HOTTONIA INFLATA EIL.
Featherfoil

FAMILY: Primulaceae

HABIT: Winter annual, leafy rosettes submersed but floating to surface of pond before flowering, stems to 5 dm.; flowering May-early June.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The distinctive inflated flower stalks and floating habit distinguish *Hottonia inflata* from other aquatic herbs.

TOTAL RANGE: FL to TX, n. to ME, NY, OH, IN, s. IL, and MO.

STATE RANGE: There is a post-1980 record from Scioto County. Pre-1980 records exist from Ashtabula and Lake counties.

HABITAT: Quiet, shallow water of pools, streams, and ditches or occasionally in wet soil.

HAZARDS: Drainage or other alteration of the aquatic habitat.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but perhaps difficult to establish due to its winter annual habit.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: This species, when seen in flower, is unlikely to be misidentified. Avoid over-collecting.

COMMENTS: The habitat for this species has largely been destroyed or altered in Ohio. Its state range may be accurately known. The plant is so distinctive it would be difficult to overlook. It should be sought throughout the Ohio River Valley.

The last known population was destroyed.

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