

Water Primrose (*Ludwigia grandiflora*)

Synonyms:

- Creeping Water-primrose, Large-flower primrose-willow, Uruguayan primrose-willow
- *Ludwigia peploides*, *Jussiaea grandiflora*

Consignments likely to come from: unknown

Use: as a garden pond plant

Identification difficulty: easy

Identification information:

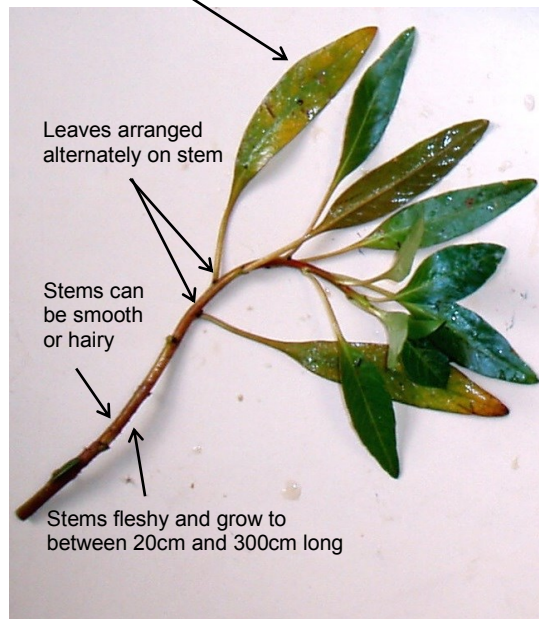
- bright yellow flower (c. 3cm diameter) usually with 5 petals
- leaves leathery, dark green with lighter green central midrib
- leaves can be long and thin or more rounded arranged alternately on stem
- round green or reddish stem up to 3m long
- seed pods may be present



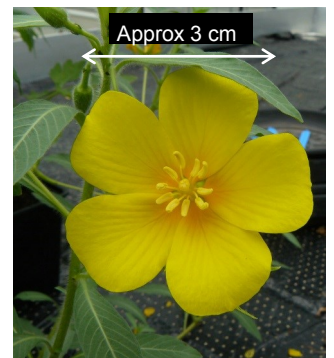
Key ID Features



Leaves can vary in shape from long and slender to round or egg shaped



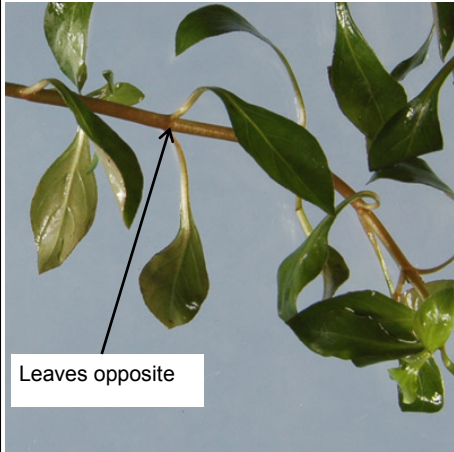
Bright yellow flowers with five petals



Similar species

L. grandiflora is very similar to *L. peploides*, however both species are banned from sale and so do not need to be distinguished. A number of other *Ludwigia* species are available in trade (such as *L. palustris*) as well as some other species that could be confused with *L. grandiflora*.

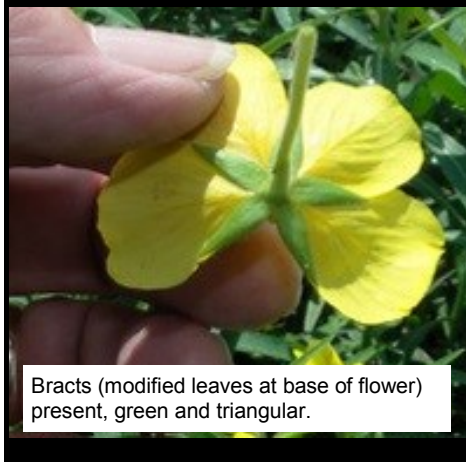
Ludwigia palustris
(Hampshire Purslane)



Ludwigia grandiflora
(Water Primrose)
For comparison



Mentha aquatica
(Water Mint)



Additional online resources to support identification:

[Q-bank](#)

[University of Florida](#)