

# Yellow Floating Heart (*Nymphoides peltata*)

**Category:** EDRR

**Distribution:** One population identified in the Emmett area. Undergoing eradication.

## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Leaves heart-shaped, 3-10 cm wide
- Bright yellow flowers on long stalks rising above the water surface
- Flowers 3-4 cm across, five petals arranged like the spokes of a wheel
- Petals have a distinctive fringe along the edges

## Background

- Perennial, waterlily-like plant with long stalks
- Grows in dense patches, excluding native species and creating stagnant areas with low oxygen levels underneath the floating mats

## Similar Plants

- Native Spatterdock (larger leaves; cup-like flowers with smooth petals)
- Native Watershield (small oval floating leaves often with a jelly-like covering on the undersides, and small purple flowers)

