

Pest alert

Declared Class 1

Limnocharis could be in your area.

Call Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23** if you see this pest:

- The plant colonises shallow wetlands and small areas of deeper waterways.
- The plant grows up to 1 m tall.
- It has yellow, cup-shaped flowers.
- It has broad, oval-shaped leaves on succulent stems.
- Early detection helps protect Queensland's agricultural industries and natural environment.



Photos courtesy of Paul Zborowski and Barbara Waterhouse

Limnocharis (*Limnocharis flava*)

Description

Limnocharis is an anchored aquatic plant somewhat similar in appearance to water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*), although much larger (up to 1 m high) and bearing small, yellow, cup-shaped flowers.

Leaves are broad, oval-shaped, thick, 5–30 cm long and 4–25 cm wide. The leaf stalk (petiole) is 5–75 cm long and green. Fruit is compound and up to 2 cm wide, with each fruit containing about 1000 seeds. Seeds are dark brown, horseshoe-shaped and up to 1.5 mm long with obvious ridges.

Declaration details

Limnocharis is a Class 1 declared plant under Queensland legislation.

Class 1 pests established in Queensland are subject to eradication from the state. Landowners must take reasonable steps to keep land free of Class 1 pests. It is a serious offence to introduce, keep or supply a Class 1 pest without a permit issued by Biosecurity Queensland. Penalties of up to \$80 000 apply.

What should I do?

If you have seen this plant, please contact your local government office or Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23**.

Further information

Further information is available from your local government office, or by contacting Biosecurity Queensland (call **13 25 23** or visit our website at www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au).

