

# Ritchie

## FEED & SEED INC.



### Water Hyacinth

*Eichhornia crassipes*

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Pickerelweed

#### Description:

A vigorously growing aquatic plant producing blue-violet flowers with gold spots; an excellent addition to a water feature garden; considered highly invasive in warmer climates

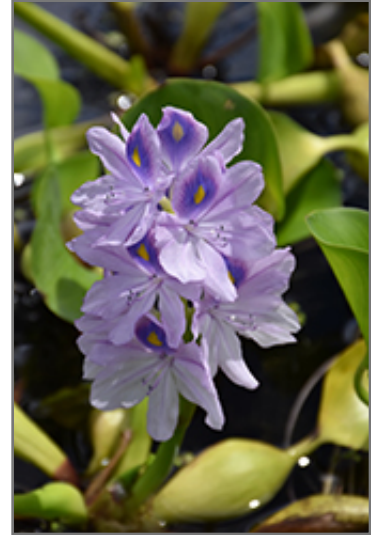
#### Ornamental Features

Water Hyacinth features showy sky blue orchid-like flowers with violet overtones and gold spots rising above the foliage from early spring to early fall. Its attractive glossy round leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning green in colour the rest of the year. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

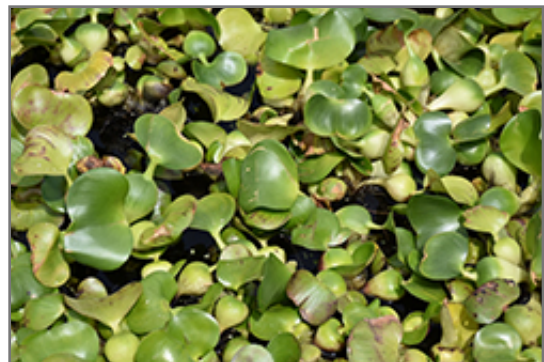
#### Landscape Attributes

Water Hyacinth is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;



Water Hyacinth flowers  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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- Invasive

Water Hyacinth is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Water Hyacinth will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

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