

# Banned Garden Plant Guide



## American skunk-cabbage

*Lysichiton americanus*

Imposing perennial with paddle-shaped leaves & spectacular but foul-smelling yellow flowers.

**How to remove:** Targeted use of systemic herbicides (easily applied to the large leaves) or dig it out and dry thoroughly before composting.

**Replace with:**

Asian Skunk-cabbage (*Lysichiton camtschatcensis*)



## Carolina watershield

*Cabomba caroliniana*

Aquatic plant with long stems & feathery leaves. Sometimes produces white flowers above water.

**How to remove:** Grows rapidly and needs cutting back frequently. Make sure you dry out cut material thoroughly before composting.

**Replace with:**

Rigid Hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*)



## Curly waterweed

*Lagarosiphon major*

Was sold for ponds and aquaria. Long stems with dense dark-green pointed leaves that curl back.

**How to remove:** Hand pull as much as possible. Small fragments re-grow so you'll probably need to repeat practice for a few years.

**Replace with:**

Curly Pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*)



## Floating pennywort

*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*

Very popular aquatic plant. Forms dense mats of rounded leaves that float across the water surface.

**How to remove:** Regular cutting followed by hand pulling or chemical treatment. Cut material needs to be removed from the water immediately.

**Replace with:**

Marsh pennywort (*Hydrocotyle vulgaris*)



## Parrot's feather

*Myriophyllum aquaticum*

Very popular pond plant produces long stems and floating mats of attractive feathery leaves.

**How to remove:** Regular, frequent cutting will help weaken the plant. Remove cut material from the water as soon as possible to prevent regrowth.

**Replace with:**

Spiked Water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



## Water hyacinth

*Eichhornia crassipes*

Produces rosettes of floating leaves, each with a swollen, air-filled stalk & attractive blue flowers.

**How to remove:** Rarely survives winters in the UK, however plant can be pulled from the water surface.

**Replace with:**

Frogbit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)



## Water primrose

*Ludwigia grandiflora* & *Ludwigia peploides*

An ornamental & water garden plant, the water primrose bears bright yellow flowers.

**How to remove:** Regular, frequent cutting will help weaken the plant. Remove cut material from the water as soon as possible to prevent regrowth.

**Replace with:**

Lesser spear-wort (*Ranunculus flammula*)

In January 2016, the European Union placed stringent controls on 14 non-native, invasive plants.

As such, it is now an offence to cultivate, breed, transport, sell or exchange these species, or release them, intentionally or unintentionally, into the environment anywhere within the EU.

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