

LEMNACEAE – DUCKWEED FAMILY

Plant: Herbs, usually aquatic (floating)

Stem: no stems

Root: present, usually just hanging down from thallus (not rooted)

Leaves: no leaves; vegetative portion a frond or thallus

Flowers: monoecious; no perianth (normal floral parts), surrounded by a spathe; usually 1 stamen (rarely 2) in staminate flower; ovary superior, 1 pistil, 1 style, 1-7 ovules on 1-chambered ovary of pistillate flower

Fruit: seed (utricle)

Other: Monocotyledons Group

Genera: 4 genera in N.A.

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Common Duckweed; *Lemna minor* L.

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Lemna minor L.

Lemnaceae (Duckweed Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: fronds (vegetative portion) somewhat spherical to mostly elliptical, a line of small protuberances often separate frond into 2 equal parts, deep green, 3-veined (difficult to see), convex and thick, no petioles, 1 root; aquatic, floating; common; summer to early fall

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