

## NELUMBONACEAE – LOTUS FAMILY

**Plant:** herbs, aquatic, mostly perennials

**Stem:** with rhizomes, sometimes juice is milky

**Root:**

**Leaves:** usually simple, alternate, floating or standing, petioles long and attached to back of leaf (peltate), from rhizomes

**Flowers:** perfect; solitary; pedicels long; flower parts often in 3's or multiples; stamens many; ovary superior, ovules many

**Fruit:** varies (follicle, nutlet or berry) or in pockets in receptacle

**Other:** Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 1 genus; *Nelumbo* (lotus)

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Nelumbonaceae (Lotus Family)

Maumee Bay State Park, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: aquatic; large flower, pale yellow (~ 20 tepals) on long stalk, many stamens; leaves round with stem attached to bottom center of leaf (peltate), usually above water level; seeds in large receptacle; summer

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