

Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms

Common Name: Water Hyacinth

Family: Pontederiaceae

Country of Origin: Amazon basin; widespread invasive elsewhere

Habitat: free-floating perennial aquatic plant

One of the fastest growing plants known, water hyacinth reproduces primarily by way of runners or stolons. Some water hyacinths were found to grow up to 2 to 5 metres a day in some sites in Southeast Asia.

