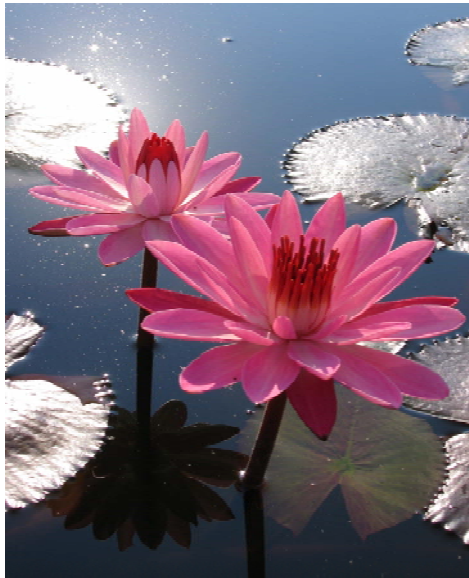


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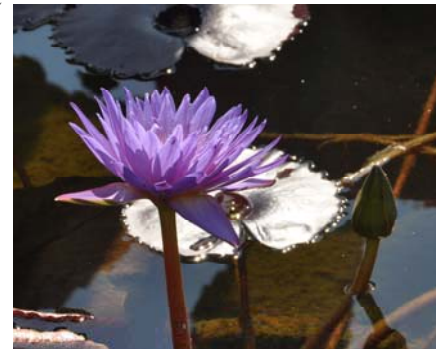
Nymphaea species



Top: New leaves with a red tint

Left: Flower form

Right: Tropical water lily flower



Water Lily *Nymphaea* species

Family: Nymphaeaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous perennial

Size: 6-12" tall x 4-8' wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: variable

Leaves : broad, flat, and buoyant. Simple, nearly peltate, with an entire or serrulate margin.

Leaf Color: medium to dark green, new growth can be red or purple. Occasionally spotted or striped.

Fall Color: yellow or brown

Flower Time: June to frost

Flower Color: pink, red, yellow, white, blue, purple

Fruit: berry-like, borne on a curving peduncle

Light: Full sun

Moisture: 6-20" underwater

Insect/Disease Issues: white fly, leaf spot

Nativity: variable—Asia, Africa, Europe, North American

Location in the Gardens:

Lake Helen



Culture & Landscape Value: A common aquatic plant. Perennial varieties in the Midwest are day-flowering and tend to be red, yellow, pink, or white in color with flowers that float on the surface. Several tender varieties are night-flowering with flowers held above the surface in colors including blue and purple. Leaves and flowers are smaller than those of Lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*).

Notes:

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec