

WANTED: Cape Fear Spatterdock (*Nuphar sagittifolia*)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking additional information on the status and distribution of Cape Fear Spatterdock (*Nuphar sagittifolia*). This species occurs in southeastern VA, eastern NC and northeastern SC. According to Weakley (2015), it is especially known from shallow bars of the Northeast Cape Fear, Black and Waccamaw Rivers. The leaves are 3 to 6 times as long as wide. Weakley also says that the “submersed leaves have somewhat the texture and appearance of thin leaf lettuce.” Please help us gain a better understanding of where this species occurs and how abundant it is. We would appreciate information such as photographs, water body, nearest road crossing, boat ramp or access point and approximate size of the population. If you can provide it, longitude and latitude would be great.

Please report locations to Dale Suiter, USFWS. Dale_Suiter@fws.gov or 919-856-4520 extension 18.

Weakley, A.S. 2015. Flora of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states. www.herbarium.unc.edu/flora.htm

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