

Family 34. PONTEDERIACEAE

Revision:

Backer, CA. 1951. *Pontederiaceae*. Flora Malesiana series 1, 4: 255-261

1. *Eichhornia* Kunth

1. *Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms in DC, Monog. Phan. 4 (1883) 523; --Merr., EPFP 1 (1922) 200; --Backer, Fl. Males. ser. 1, 4 (1951) 255, Fig. 2 & 3.

Native to N South America. Introduced in the tropics and subtropics worldwide. In the Philippines since around 1912 as an ornamental, now an ubiquitous weed clogging water courses all over the country. Water hyacinth.

2. *Monochoria* C Presl

1. *Monochoria hastata* (L.) Solms in DC. Monog. Phan. 4 (1883) 523; --Merr., Fl. Manila (1912) 141; EPFP 1 (1922) 200; --Backer, Fl. Males. ser. 1, 4 (1951) 258, Fig. 1.

Tropical SE Asia and throughout Malesia, not yet recorded from the Moluccas and Lesser Sunda Isls. Throughout the Philippines at low and medium altitudes; common in open wetlands, swamps, etc.

2. *Monochoria vaginalis* (Burm.f.) C Presl, Rel. Haenk. 1 (1827) 128 ex Kunth, Enum. 4 (1843) 134; --Merr., Fl. Manila (1912) 141; EPFP 1 (1922) 200; --Backer, Fl. Males. ser. 1, 4 (1951) 256.

Monochoria vaginalis var. *pauciflora* (Blume) Merr., EPFP 1 (1922) 201.

SE Asia to China, Japan and throughout Malesia. Throughout the Philippines from the lowlands up to 2000m altitudes; common in periodically inundated or water-logged open waste sites, rice paddies, swamps, etc.