Label the parts of a plant cell worksheet

Page ID26460 Name the numbered parts of the cell. Which organelle contains its own DNA? What is the relationship between the ER and the golgi device? What is the difference between smooth and rough ER? Give the parts a name. What are structures in plants, but not animal cells? Select the cell using the included vocabulary. Select the cell and describe the process by which proteins are made and then exported. Our free science spreadsheets are perfect for creating practical learning opportunities in the classroom. Students can use these blank plant cell charts to color and store in their scientific notebook. You can even give them a plant cell model to be used for reference. Plant Cell Labeling WorksheetOlder students can use our plant organelle spreadsheets to identify and name each of the parts of a plant cell. We've provided a free reference chart to pair with the plant cell sheet. 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This enhanced visual instruction tool helps to grasp and retain the names of cell parts such as mitochondrial, vacuol, core and more with ease. Cell vocabulary How does a small cell perform complex tasks? Learn about the different organelles and the function of each part of the cell with this cell terminology PDF for 7. Included here are apt and precise definitions of cell, cell wall, cell membrane, Golgi apparatus and more. Plant Cell vs. Animal Cell What is the difference between a plant cell and an animal cell? The T-overview for students in grades 7 and grade 8 provides the answer to this question and shows the differences between a plant and an animal cell. Cross-section of a plant cell leather the parts of a plant cell easily with this cross-section of a plant cell diagram. The clearly labeled parts such as chloroplast, endoplasmic reticulum and more help reinforce cell terminology and spellings. Mark the parts of a plant cell this activity pdf spreadsheet on marking the parts of a plant cell assists in testing the knowledge of fifth grade and sixth grade students. Students are expected to identify the 10 parts marked and name them with words from the word bank. Naming the parts of a plant cell Twelve large plant cell parts are marked. Identify the organelles and parts and select them in this printable worksheet. Test understanding and repeat the concept of this plant cell labeling proposal for grade 8 students. Organelles for plant cells | Coloring Review skills in identifying parts and organelles of a plant cell with this printable worksheet. Students are expected to recognize the seven large plant cell parts such as vacuol, core, mitochondrial and more. Color them using the color key to complete the worksheet. Cross-section of an animal cell This pulsating worksheet contains the cross-section of an animal cell, which vividly displays organelles. Examine the animal cell diagram and recognize parts such as centrioles, lysosomes, Golgi bodies, ribosomes and more indicated clearly. Note the parts of an Animal Cell Labels are important features of any scientific chart. Students in grades 5 and grade 6 are expected to select the appropriate label from the word bank to name each of the 10 specified sections to complete the worksheet. Name the parts of an animal cell Recaliers the names of the twelve large parts of an animal cell with this worksheet. Students examine the animal cell chart, identify the selected parts, and write their names. Animal Cell Organelles | Coloring Recognize the seven animal cell organor featured in the word box, color them using the color key in this interesting activity PDF. This cell organ worksheet provides a fun way to separate each cell organic. Match vocabulary to description The cell parts or organelles are specified in one column, and the second column has the nicknames or phrases that best describe them. Correlate the two and understand the function of each part as well. Cell facts | Fill in Blanks This fill in the worksheet consists of 15 cell facts. Read each sentence carefully and enter the missing words. Hone your knowledge with facts related to cells and test understanding of students with this spreadsheet. Cell Crossword Experience the language of science and review cell terminology with this printable cross-order sheet for fourth grade and fifth grade students. Read each clue carefully, understand the function provided, identify the part or the organelle responsible and write the name in the crossword given. Chloroplast: Membrane-bound organelle and the site of photosynthesis and ATP production in autotrophic plant cells. Like mitochondria, chloroplasts contain their own circular DNA molecules. In fact, chloroplast DNA, including the protein-coded RBCL gene, is often used on family level to show the relationship between genera and species in plant families. Intron regions from chloroplast DNA are also used to construct family trees. Introns are parts of messenger RNA that are removed before translation on the ribosome. Comparative DNA between different genera and species of a plant family can be displayed with computer-generated evoltionary trees called cladograms. Evolutionary Tree (Cladogram) By the Duckweed family Some biologists believe that mitochondria and chloroplasts in eukaryotic animal and plant cells may have originated from ancient symbiotic bacteria that were once captured by other cells in the distant geological past. This fascinating idea is called Endosymbiont Theory (or Endymbiont Hypothesis for those who are more skeptical). Chloroplasts and mitochondria have outer phospholipid bilayer membranes and circular DNA molecules such as those of prokaryotic bacterial cells. In addition, the layers of thylacoid membranes in the spruce of chloroplasts are remarkably similar to photosynthetic cells of cyanobacteria. Obtaining cells and genomes from other organisms is known as symbiogenesis. According to L. Margulis and D. Sagan (Acquisition of genomes: A theory of the origin of species 2002), symbiogenesis is an important factor in the development of life on Earth. In fact, the author's condition states that long-term genomic fusions result in much greater evolutionary change than DNA mutations and natural selection. Grana: The region of chloroplast consists of stacks of thylacoid membranes. This is the place for light reactions where ATP and NADPH2 are generated. These two products are used in the dark reactions where carbon dioxide is converted (reduced) into glucose. Stroma: Region of the chloroplast where the dark reactions occur. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is gradually converted into glucose through a series of reactions called the Calvin cycle. See The structure of a chloroplast fluorescence in a chlorophyll solution Endoplasmic Reticulum: A complex system of membrane-bound ducts that extends through the cytoplasm of cells. Like the emergency room in a hospital, endoplasmic reticulum is often shortened as ER. Smooth Endoplasmic Reticulum: Does not contain attached ribosomes. Coarse endoplasmic reticulum: Studded (dotted) with attached ribosomes on the side of the diaphragm facing the cytoplasm. Ribosome: The organelle site of protein synthesis. The ribom consists of large and small subunits separated by a central groove. A thread of messenger RNA (m-RNA) fits into the slot and the ribom moves along the m-RNA in a 5' to 3' direction. Molecules of clover-leaf-shaped transfer RNA (t-RNA), each with a unique amino acid, are temporarily attached to m-RNA on the ribosome in a process called translation. Transfer-RNA anticodones hook up with m-RNA codons and amino acids bind together by dehydration As the ribom moves towards the 3th end of the m-RNA thread, the amino acid chain (polypeptide) grows longer and longer. Finally, the finished polypeptide leaves the ribom and moves away to become a protein used in the cell or excreted from the cell. The simplified animated gif images below illustrate this remarkable process. A number of several ribosomes that move along the same m-RNA thread are called a polyribosom. Ribosomes consist of ribosomal RNA, and they are not membrane-bound. They occur in prokaryotic as well as eukaryotic cells. In eukaryotic cells, ribosomal RNA is synthesized in the nucleus. The large and small subunits of ribosomes are synthesized by specific genes. One gene in the core ochrophile codes for the smaller subunit of the ribosome. The gene is called SSU rDNA or small subunit ribosomal DNA. Basic sequences from this gene are sometimes used to compare taxa at the species level. The results of comparative DNA studies using mitochondrial and chloroplast DNA are illustrated in computer-generated evoltionary trees called clitor frames. Ricin from ricinus bean (Ricinus communis) is a potent cytotoxic protein that is deadly to eukaryotic cells by inactivating the organelle sites of protein synthesis called ribosomes. Only a single ricin molecule that enters the cytosol of a cell (the semi-fluid medium between the nucleus and plasma membrane) can inactivate over 1,500 ribosomes per minute and kill the cell. One of the two protein subunits of ricin (RTA) is a deadly enzyme that removes purines (such as adenine) from ribosomal RNA, thereby altering molecular structure and function. See article About Castor Bean Nucleolus: Dark-dyeing body in the nucleus where ribosomal RNA is synthesized. Plant nuclei in onion root tips cells can have multiple nucleoli. Nucleus: Membrane-bound organelle containing chromatin, a term that is applied to all chromosomes collectively when they are in a tenacious (wire-like) stage. During the prophase of mitosis, chromosomes become shorter and thicker, appearing as distinct double bodies called chromosome doubles. Cell(Plasma) Membrane: The living membrane that surrounds the cytoplasm of all cells. It consists of a phospholippid bilayer with built-in glycoproteins. In the sandwich model, the two phospholipd layers are sandwiched between two layers of protein. The membranes of organelles also consist of a phospholipid bilayer, including vacuoles, nuclei, mitochondria and chloroplasts. [Riubosomes are not membrane-bound.] Built-in glycoproteins in plasma membranes include membrane transport carrier molecules and cell recognition antigens. The plasma membrane is permeable to water molecules by osmosis, but not to other molecules and ions by simple diffusion. Ions pass through the plasma membrane via carrier molecules by active transport and facilitated diffusion. transport requires ATP. Cell Wall: A cellulose layer that surrounds the plasma membrane of plant cells. Because it is very porous, the cell wall is permeable for molecules and ions that cannot pass through the plasma membrane by simple diffusion. During plasmolysis, the cell membrane loses water and its contents shrink up into a ball, while the outer cell wall remains intact. Shrubs and trees have a thickened secondary cell wall containing lignin, a brown phenolic polymer that provides great strength and hardness to wood. Ironwoods like lignum vitae sink in water due to the density of their heavy, thick-walled, lignified cells. Vacuole: A membrane-bound, fluid-filled sac inside plant and animal cells. Contractile vacuoles of protists, such as Paramecium, are specialized organelles to expel excess water. Food vacuoles of Amoeba digest smaller cells captured by phagocytosis. Plant cells have large central vacuoles that occupy much of the cell volume. Large central vacuole: A membrane-bound, fluid-filled sac that occupies much of the volume of a plant cell. For this reason, the chloroplasts, nucleus and other organelles are displaced to the periphery of the cytoplasm (around the central vacuol). In addition to water, this large vacuol stores salts, water-soluble pigments (anthocyanins) and potentially toxic molecules in the form of crystals. In crystalline condition, oxalates are relatively innocuous to the plant cell. Crystals of calcium oxalate can be needle-like (raphide crystals) or many facets like a glistening diamond (druse crystals). Plant cells with high levels of calcium oxalate can be toxic to humans. The primary reason why wolffia (the world's smallest flowering plant) is more tasty for humans as a high protein food source is that its vacuoles lack raphide crystals that are abundant in other duckweeds (Lemna & Spirodela). Comparative chloroplast DNA studies have shown that the duckweed family (Lemnaceae) is closely related to the arum family (Araceae). In fact, members of both families have cells containing abundant raphide crystals of calcium oxalate. Chewing on leaves of cultivated arum called stupid terie (Dieffenbachia) can cause difficulty in talking and swallowing. Symptoms of ingestion include burning pain, inflammation and swelling of the tongue, throat and larynx tissue. A proteolytic enzyme in the leaves called dumbcain is injected into the cells via microscopic punctures of thousands of needle-like raphide crystals. Mast cells (basophils), special white blood cells in connective tissue, can also be damaged. In allergic reactions, sensitized mast cells release stinging histamines into the afflicted tissue. Amyloplast (Starch Grain): A membrane-bound organelle containing concentric layers of starch (amylopectin). This organelle is usually found in underground storage organs, such as tubers (potatoes), (taro and dasheen), and storage roots (sweet potatoes). Amyloplasts are also found in bananas and other fruits. Centrioles Nonmembrane-bound organelles occurring in pairs just outside the nucleus of animal cells. Each centriole consists of a cylinder or ring of 9 sets of microtubule triplets with none in the middle (9 + 0 pattern). During cell division, a couple of centrioles are moved to each end of the cell, forming the poles of the mititotic spindle. Centrioles also give rise to basal bodies that control the origin of flickering hair and flagella in motile cells of protists. In the cross section, flagella and flicker hair 9 have seen microtubules that double around a pair of simple microtubules in the middle (9 + 2 pattern). This characteristic pattern also occurs in motile cells of higher organisms, such as human semen. Centrosome: The microtubule organization center that forms the mititotic spindle in dividing cells. In animal cells, centrosome includes a pair of centrioles surrounded by radiating strands of microtubules called aster. Microtubules: Protein filaments consisting of a polymer called tubulin. Centrosome of animal cells (including a couple of centrioles and radiating aster) consists of microtubules. Microtubules are involved in cell movement, cell shape and formation of mititotic spindles during cell division (mitosis). Some cancer chemotherapy drugs cause dissolution (depolymerization) of tubulin in microtubules, thereby destroying mitotic spindles and effectively stopping cell division into tumor cells. Medicinal alkaloids and glycosides from plants cytoplasm: All the contents of a cell in the plasma membrane. The nucleus and its contents (nucleoplasma) are usually excluded from the cytoplasm. The semi-fluid medium between the nucleus and the plasma membrane is called cytosol. Page 2 Some notes on the identification of duckweeds a brief technical description of Lemnoideae Aerenchyma: Tissues with intercellular airspace bisexual flowers & enseeded fruits of duckweeds some generalizations about duckweed subfamily stomata on the upper surface of duckweed species magazine Like profylum of Spirodela & Landoltia Winged root cloak in two species of Lemna Cladograms of duckweeed subfamily (Lemnoideae) controversies over Landoltia (Spirodela) punctata updated key to the five genera including Landoltia ID of species that is Morphologically very similar nerves (veils) and airspace in duckweed identification dorsal papules distinguish L. turionifera from L. minor importance of backlight when identifying duckweeds elongated tract of cells (Costa) in Wolffiella ID photoperiodism (day length) in duckweed subfamily aseptic (axenic) culture of duckweeds in agar media control of duckweed blooms in ponds and reservoirs Wayne's words & Lemnoideae on-line copyright policy index and keys to Genera Of Lemnoideae Additional Links On Other Pages: This Page Is Dedicated To Dr. Elias Landolt (1926-2013) Although I have never met him personally, I corresponded with Elias Landolt from the Geobotanical Institute in Zurich, Switzerland a lot over the past 30 years. In fact, he sent me aseptic cultures of many species that I grew and photographed at my home in San Marcos, CA. I could never have learned about duckweed taxonomy or published my articles without first-hand observations of his wonderful specimens and his outstanding monograph of Lemnaceae. He was a brilliant scientist and was so willing to share his phenomenal knowledge. Elias Landolt was truly an inspiration in my life. I will miss him, and I will never forget him. WPA, September 2013 Link To Landolt Duckweed Collection Dr. Landolt assistant Walter Lämmier has created a valuable website dedicated to the Landolt Duckweed Collection. This remarkable collection contains samples of all known species of duckweed in the world. The purpose of the collection is to preserve these species to provide live samples available for research and also to provide a forum for the exchange of information. The study of duckweeds is important. In a world of increasingly scarce resources, we are constantly discovering many new useful applications. Duckweed is a source of animal feed, a means of purifying contaminated water, and it can also be used in the generation of renewable energy forms. 1. Some notes about Duckweed Identification Since flowering and fruiting are rarely observed in most species of Lemnaceae, the following keys and descriptions are mainly based on vegetative properties. Minor traits that may seem insignificant in morphologically complex plants take on greater importance in Lemnaceae. Ideally, it is best to observe living plants under a 30X dissecting microscope, preferably with substage lighting to show veins and the shape of sprouting bags (dried herbarium samples can be hydrated in water to achieve a resemblance to their previous shape). For difficult species, it is often necessary to grow them in containers to observe the development of diagnostic properties such as shape, size, number of plants cohering, nervation, anthocyanin pigmentation and turions. Some species can show significant morphological variation, especially when they grow under less than optimal environmental conditions, making their precise vegetative identification very difficult. A flowering Wolffia microscopy next to the tip of a sewing needle. The unusual golf tee shape is unique among all wolffia species. A minute the stem can be seen protruding from the upper (extended) side of the plant body. See Straight Pin & Sewing Needle is used in Wayne's Word Articles 2. A brief technical description of Duckweed Family Duckweeds is small aquatic floating on or below the surface of quiet streams and ponds, often form dense, homogeneous clonic populations. The plant body is not differentiated into a stem or leaf. It is reduced to a fleshy or thallus-like oval or flattened structure that carries one-more roots (without roth years) on the underside, or rootless. The terms of the back and ventral are often used in the literature for the upper and lower surfaces of the plant body that floats in water. The terms adaxial and abaxial are usually used for leaves, referring to the surface next to the leaf shaft (adaxial) and the opposite surface away from the leaf shaft (abaxial). Adaxial and abaxial also refer to the upper and lower sides of a leaf; However, the abaxial side is also the back or back side. This terminology is especially suitable for leaves arranged vertically on a trunk. Since the plant body of a duckweed is not technically a leaf, the concepts of adaximal and abaxial are confusing for general descriptions. For duckweeds, it is preferable to use the upper and lower surface. [Thanks to Elena George of Humboldt State University for bringing this to my attention]. The plant body often has one-more layers of conspicuous airspace (aerenchyma) and one-more veihers (nerves). Daughter plants are produced in a budding bag in the basalenden or along the 2 lateral margins of the mother plant, often remaining attached to the parent plant by a short stipe. Some species produce rootless (or very short-rooted), starchy daughter plants, called turions that sink to the bottom and winter. Flowers are bisexual and usually protogynous, androecium consisting of 1 or 2 stamens and gynecologist consisting of a single dust carrier. The flowers are produced in a flower cavity on the dorsal surface (Wolffiella and Wolffia), or in a membranous, saclike spathe (utricular scale) within a lateral budding bag (Spirodela, Landoltia and Lemna). Some authorities consider duckweed species to be monoecious with one or two endurance flowers (each consisting of a single stem) and a pistillate flower (consisting of a single dust carrier). There is no corolla or calyx. The ovary is superior and uilocular with a short style and circular concave stigma. The stigma often secretes a drop of fluid at the antese. The pollen men have a short filament and uilocular or bilocular anther, transverse or apically dehiscent, carrying spinulose pollen grains. The fruit an indehiscent, bladder-like utricle containing one-more seeds with prominent operculum. The traditional duckweed family (lemnaceae) contains 5 genera and at least 38 species. DNA studies indicate that duckweeds are best included in Araceae. Duckweeds has a worldwide distribution, especially temperate and tropical regions. They are the smallest and structurally simplest of all angiospers, with greatly reduced vascular tissue (tracheids) confined to the plant's veinings filaments of stamens, and roots of some species. Duckweeds and associated microfauna are an important food source for certain waterfowl. They are potentially valuable for wastewater recovery and one species, (Wolffia globosa (Roxb.) Hartog & Plas) known locally as khai-nam, is eaten by people in S.E. Asia. Major references on the taxonomy of Duckweeds: Landolt, E. 1986. In 1999, a separate study of Lemnaceae was published, which was born in 1990. Veroff. Geobot. Inst. ETH, Stiftung Rubel 71. Landolt, E. and R. Kandeler. 1987. Family of Lemnaceae: A monoographical study (Vol. 2). Veroff. Geobot. Inst. ETH, Stiftung Rubel 71. Landolt, E. 1957. Fysiologiische und okologische Untersuchungen en Lemnaceen. Praying, there's nothing to do With Switzerland. Bot. Ges. 67: 271-410. Aerenchyma tissue in duckweed Lemna minuta (1000x). The large intercellular rooms are surrounded by layers of choroplast-bearing parenchyma cells. The air-filled rooms provide buoyancy for duckweeds, keeping them floating on the water surface. Although enlarged airspace may provide a competitive advantage for increased buoyancy, some species have greatly reduced airspace and flows below the water's surface. Dorsal view of Lemna Gibba in full bloom. Two stamens and a short style project from a lateral budding bag at the base of the plant. Androecium consists of two stamens of pollen. Gynoecium consists of a single dust carrier with a concave stigma, slender style and basal ovary carrying one or two ovulation. The bisexual flower is enclosed by a membranous saclike spathe in the budding bag. Note:

Some authorities consider duckweeds to be monoecious species with one or two endurance flowers (each consisting of a stem) and a pistillate flower (consisting of a single pistil) on the same plant body. Dorsal Display of bisexual flower by Landoltia punctata Lateral view of flowering Wolffia borealis shows dorsal floral cavities containing an anther-bearing stem and a pistil (gynoecium). The dust carrier has a seed-bearing ovary, a slim (short) style and a circular, concave stigma. The flowers are protogynous, with stigma becoming receptive before the anther ripen and throw pollen. A daughter plant protrudes from a funnel-like sprouting bag at the basal end. The whole flowering plant is only one millimeter (1/25th of an inch) in length. It weighs about 200 micrograms (about 1/150,000 of an ounce). Dorsal view of several budding Wolffia borealis in full bloom. The flower cave on the dorsal side reveals a circular concave stigma (closest to the basalenden) and a single, pollen-bearing anther. Unlike Lemna, Spirodela and Landoltia, the flower is not enclosed by a membranous spathe. The flowers are protogynous, with stigma becoming receptive before the anther ripen and throw pollen. All the way to the right plant shows only the stigma, while the outer left plant only shows there is no problem. The top and bottom plants show both stigma and a slight anther. Utricles of the duckweed family (Lemnaceae). The utricle is a small, bladder-like, thin-walled fruit. It is often compared to a single-seeded achene, except the utricle has a pericarp that is loose and fragile. Due to their small size (usually only 1-2 mm or smaller), excerts of the duckweed family are rarely seen. In fact, the one-seeded eras of Wolffia species are the undisputed smallest fruits on Earth. The smallest is from the Australian W. angusta and the Asian/African W. globosa. The world's smallest fruits are produced by species of Wolffia, including the Australian W. angusta. The image above shows a ripe fruit in the plant body. The larger fruit of Lemna shows a thin, transparent pericate around a ribbed seed. A perical layer is not evident on the wolffia fruits. Sprouted seeds of Lemna perpusilla showing seedlings with attached seeds. Two of the Wolffia species included in Landolt's 1986 monograph by Lemnaceae (Vol. 1) have each been divided into two species (E. Landolt, 1994, Ber. Geobot. Inst. ETH, Stiftung Rubel 60). The rationale for two other Wolffia species is based on allozyme studies by D.J. Crawford, Columbus, Ohio (Crawford, D.J. & E. Landolt, 1995, Allozyme Diversity among species of Wolffia (Lemnaceae), Plant Systematics & Evolution 197: 59-70). South African populations in W. globosa (Roxb.) Hartog & Plas is now recognized as W. cylindracea Hegelm., an older name used in literature since Hegelmaier (1868). The widespread Asian W. globosa (also from California and southern Florida) has been retained as W. globosa. The population of W. angusta Landolt in Pakistan and India has been called W. neglecta Landolt. The Malaysian and Australian population of W. angusta has been retained as W. angusta. In addition, a new species of Wolffiella from the Amazon Basin has been named W. caudata Landolt (E. Landolt, 1992, Ber. Geobot. Inst. ETH, Stiftung Rubel 58). The specific epithet for this latter curious species refers to the tail-like, descending distal end of the plant body (See WAYNE'S WORD: Weird Duckweeds From Far Away Lands). Another new species of Lemna (L. yungensis) was also described by Landolt from vertical wet rocks of andesian Yugas in Bolivia (E. Landolt, 1998, Bulletin of the Geobotanical Institute ETH 64). D.H. Les and D.J. Crawford (1999) have proposed the new genus Landoltia containing an art L. punctata, formerly Spirodela punctata. This species is morphologically intermediate between Lemna and Spirodela. According to Les & Crawford, it represents an isolated cluster different from both Lemna and Spirodela. [Read, D.H. and D.J. Crawford. 1999. Landoltia (Lemnaceae), a new genus of Duckweeds. Novon 9: 530-533.] These revisions increase the total worldwide number of taxa in Lemnaceae to 38 species in five Mudmidgets (Wolffiella lingulata) in full bloom. This is a ridge view that shows several wide, linguistic (tongue-shaped) plants with their free ends curved downwards (backswelled) in the water. Each plant has an immature yellow anther protruding from a flower cavity. The lower plants show a minute circular stigma next to the anther. The plants are about 7 mm in length. The genus Wolffiella contains some of the most bizarre of all flowering plants. Although the generic name of mudmigs refers to the diminutive of Wolffia, they are not as small as wolffia species. A juice sieve filled with Wolffiella lingulata. The thousands of revelved, linguistic plants resemble translucent green leaves or shavings. 3. Some generalizations about the Duckweed family duckweed family are well represented in western North America with almost half of the world's species. The plant body of duckweeds is quite unlike other flowering plants because it does not have stems or leaves. It represents the ultimate in the reduction of an entire vascular plant. The terms frond and thallus are sometimes used in literature, but these terms are not appropriate because the plant body of duckweeds is not homologous to the fronds of ferns or the body of fungi and algae. Although the body of duckweeds has paired guard cells and stomata on the surface and superficially resembles a leaf (especially the flat duckweeds Spirodela, Landoltia and Lemna), it is morphologically and embryonic completely different. In Spirodela, Landoltia and Lemna there is a flat structure with slender, hair-like roots on the underside. Spirodela and Landoltia are unique among duckweeds due to a minute, membranous scale-like leaf (profylum) envelops the dorsal and ventral surfaces of the basal end. In Spirodela polyrrhiza, profylum is visible on young plants (fugacious in older plants) and on overwintering turions. This basal part and its connection stalk correspond to a condensed shoot that has been greatly reduced through evolution. Landoltia has a reduced profylum that perishes in fully grown plants. A profylum is missing in Lemna, Wolffia and Wolffiella. The latter two genera have been reduced through evolution to minute, rootless spheres or flat bands. Wolffia has a minute globose or oval body a mm long or smaller. In Wolffiella, the thallus-like body is transparent and flattened, with the free ends often curved down in the water. Enlarged view (1000x) of the upper surface of the Lemna minuta shows a pore slit (stoma) flanked by two slender guard cells. The cells around the stoma resemble the underlying cells of true leaves. Although the plant bodies of duckweeds have stomata and continue gas exchange with the atmosphere, they are not homologous to leaves. See Stomata & Subsidiary Cells Of A True Leaf (Tradescantia) Turion by Spirodela Notice the minute, transparent, bractlike leaf called a profylum at the basal end. Profylum overlaps both the back and ventral sides of the turion, but is more visible on the lower (ventral) surface. Profylum of Landoltia punctata is much smaller. If the profylum is homologous to a leaf in its embryonic origin, it is one of the world's smallest leaves. See Profylum On Turions Of Spirodela polyrrhiza Ventral side of a hydrated herbarium sample of Landoltia punctata. A budding bag in the mother plant carries a younger daughter's plant that extends horizontally to the right of the photo. The daughter plant shows a scale-like profylum that is penetrated by two roots. Ventral profylum is very difficult to see without careful examination under a dissed microscope. A profylum is present in the genus Landoltia and Spirodela. It is a membrane-eastern, scale-like leaf that envelops dorsal and ventral surfaces in the basalenden, but is usually not evident in older plants. The prophylaxis part and its compound stalk are homologated to a condensed shoot that has been greatly reduced through evolution. More advanced genus, such as Lemna, Wolffiella and Wolffia lack a profylum. The underside of a hydrated herbarium specimen by Spirodela polyrrhiza shows a small, scale-like profylum on the basalenden of a daughter plant. This species has 7-12 or more roots, with one or two roots passing through the ventral profylum. Most roots are outside the margin of profylum. Profylum is clearer on young daughter plants. Spirodela and Landoltia are the only duckweed genus with a profylum. This scale-like basal leaf is absent in the more advanced genus, including Lemna, Wolffiella and Wolffia. Although all species of Lemna have a basal root edict near the appendix node, two species in section Alatae (L. aequinoctialis and L. perpusilla) have a distinctive rooting with 2 lateral wing-like appendages. The underside of Lemna aequinoctialis shows winged rothylse near the basal appendix node. This species has a prominent apical papule on the upper side. The seeds have 8-26 different ribs and usually fall out of the fruit wall at maturity. The closely related L. perpusilla of the eastern United States also has a rothylse with 2 lateral wing-like attachments at the base. It has seeds with 35-70 blurry ribs, which remain within the fruit wall after maturation. Elongated channels of cells called nerves are present in Lemna, Landoltia and Spirodela. They originate from the node (point of root attachment) and extend through the plant body towards the distal (apical) region. A similar tract of elongated cells (called costa) can be seen in the three-agulating budding bag of wolffiella. The position of the coasta in relation to the budding bag is an important feature used to distinguish W. lingulata from W. oblonga. Treaties elongated cells also extend through the center of the roots of Lemna, Landoltia and Spirodela. Nerves and channels of elongated cells can serve to transport minerals and sugars, similar to the functioning of the veins. In some species of Lemna, Landoltia and Spirodela, the elongated nerve cells contain tracheids with annular or spiral-shaped thickenings in the walls (annular tracheids). These elongated cells are not called vein because the plant bodies of duckweeds are not homologated to leaves. 4. Cladogram Of The Duckweed Family Various genes in the nucleus and cytoplasmic organelles (chloroplast and mitochondria) can be used to construct phylogenetic trees called clogic frames. One gene in the core ochrophile codes for the smaller subunit of the ribosome. The gene is called SSU rDNA or small subunit ribosomal DNA. Basic sequences from this gene are sometimes used to compare taxa at the species level. Chloroplast DNA, including the protein coding rbcL gene, is often used at family level to show the relationship between genera and species in the family. Introns are also used to construct family trees. Introns are parts of messenger RNA that are removed before translation on the ribosome. Most botanists consider Lemnaceae to be closely related to the Araceae family, and comparative chloroplast DNA studies have confirmed this taxonomic affinity (Duvall, et al. Annals of Missouri Botanical Garden Vol. 80, 1993). In fact, several authorities have proposed some drastic and significant changes in the classification of many traditional angiosperm families, including the placement of all duckweeds in Araceae instead of Lemnaceae. [See: Angiosperm Phylogeny Group. 1998. An order classification for the families of flowering plants. Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden 85: 531-553; Judd, W., C. Campbell, T. Kellogg and P. Stevens. 2002. Plant systematics: A phylogenetic approach. Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, MA. Some of these proposed changes are summarized in an article by E. Dean of Fremontia 30 (2): 3-12, 2003. If accepted by the botanical community, incorporating these changes into botany textbooks, flora, checklists and herbarium collections will be a formidable task. Computer-generated evolutionary trees or cactframes have been used to show the taxonomy conditions of duckweed species in the family. Cladograms are based on thousands of computer characters, including morphology, anatomy, flavonoids, allozymes and DNA sequences from chloroplast genes and introns. The branch (klade) length and position in the tree correspond to the number of character differences between taxa. The characters are numerically weighted according to their evolutionary meaning. For example, a root will have a higher value than a papule. Cladograms are generated several times and they do not always come out Same. The term bootstrapping refers to a cactgram or phylogenetic tree that comes out in the same way out of a total number of times. For example, a thousand ccotta trees are generated and the same pattern comes out 900 times. This cluster would have a bootstrap value of 90 percent. The following cliogram shows all five genera and 38 species of the duckweed family (Lemnaceae). It was generated from DNA sequences of rbcL genes from all known members of the family using the computer program PAUP: A cadtog of the duckweed family based on the chloroplast gene rbcL. Five genera and 38 species have been shown. According to the cluster, the ancestral genus Spirodela and the genus Wolffia are located furthest away because it has the fewest shared characters with Spirodela. Spirodela, Landoltia and Lemna are more closely related, while Wolffia and Wolffiella have several characters in common. With the exception of a new genus Landoltia and some changes in parts of the family, most results are consistent with previous studies based solely on morphological properties made by meticulous botanists. Cladogram changed from Les, D.H., Crawford, D.J., Landolt, E., Gabel, J.D. and R.T. Kimball. 2002. Phylogeny and systematics of Lemnaceae, Duckweed Family. Systematic botany 27 (2): 221-240. See The Chemical Structure Of Flavonoids Due to their degree of reduction, Landolt (1986) considers the two small genera Wolffia and Wolffiella to be the last developed offshoots in the phylogenia of this family. Wolffia has the fewest shared characters with the supposed ancestral Spirodela and is located furthest away in an evolutionary tree (cladogram). The new genus Landoltia is morphologically intermediate between Lemna and Spirodela. According to D.H. Les & D.J. Crawford (Novon. 9: 530-533, 1999), it represents an isolated cluster different from both Lemna and Spirodela. DNA comparisons of all members of Lemnaceae of Les, et al. (Systematic Botany 27 (2): 221-240, 2002) indicates that all five genera represent distinct chromation. With the exception of Landoltia and a few changes in sections, 38 taxa is recognized in the study of Les et al. (2002) remarkable in accordance with those recognized as morphologically distinct by Landolt. Duckweeds Now located in Arum Family (Araceae) Amorphophallus titanum Most authors now agree that duckweeds are an early offshoot from aroid linkage (Araceae) and are represented in the fossil record since the end of the cretaceous of the genus Limnobiophyllum. Although the latter genus has affinities with water salad (Pistia), the oldest fossils attributable to Pistia date only back to the late Oligocene/early Miocene. Due to its morphological similarity, aroid Pistia stratioides have been considered a close relative (cousin) of Lemnaceae. Morphological analysis of the fossil aroid Limnobiophyllum scutatum of Stockey et al. (1997) indicates that Lemnaceae plus Pistia form a monophylactic group in Araceae; However, recent DNA-clatic analyses have different results. Phylogenetic studies of G.W. Rothwell et al. (2004) and L.I. Cabrera et al. (2008) indicates that Pistia and Lemnaceae belong to distantly related drafts, suggesting at least two independent origins of the liquid aquatic growth form of the arum family (Araceae).   Cladogram From Cabrera et al. (2008) Therefore, pistia can not be considered a morphological intermediate between duckweeds and other arums. Maintaining Lemnaceae and Araceae as distinct families would make the arum family paraphyletic, with a common ancestor, but not all of its decendants (that is, duckweeds are excluded). Their cramograms are based on sequences of the trnL-trnF intergene spacer region of the chloroplast genome. This distance range is non-encoding DNA between trnL and trnF loci. Because there is no coding, it is not under selection (not highly preserved), compared to highly preserved genes that encode for structural products, regulatory proteins or transmit RNA's. It is interesting to note that duckweeds belong to the same plant family as titanium arum (Amorphophallus titanum). This remarkable plant has a 2.4 m erect spadix protruding from a vase-shaped, pleated spathe 4 m in circumference. Cabrera, L.I., Salazar, G.A., Chase, M.W., Mayo, S.J., Bogner, J., and P. Dávila. 2008. Phylogenetic relationships of aroids and duckweeds (Araceae) derived from coding and non-encoding Plastid DNA. American Journal of Botany 95 (9): 1153-1165. Rothwell, G.W., Van Atta, M.R., Ballard Jr., H.E. and R.A. Stockey. 2004. Molecular phylogenetic relations between Lemnaceae and Araceae Using Chloroplast trnL-trnF Intergenic Spacer. Molecular phylogenetic and evolution 30: 378-385. Stockey, R. A., Hoffman, G.L., and G. W. Rothwell. 1997. Fossil monocot Limnobiophyllum scutatum: Solving Phylogeny of Lemnaceae. American Journal of Botany 84 (3): 355-368. Pistia stratiotes(An aquatic member of the arum family (Araceae) with characteristics similar to the duckeweed genus Spirodela. Phylogenetic studies using chloroplast DNA indicate that Pistia cannot be considered a morphological intermediate between duckweeds and other arums. Notice the little white spathe (red arrow) around the anthers on top of a reduced spadix. 5. Controversies over the genus Landoltia Many traditional phylogenetic grouping of species in families and genera are not monophyletic and are incompatible with modern cladistical analyses based on DNA. In other words, the groups are paraphylactic or polyphylactic, showing not all species in a group that fall down from a common ancestor. Monophyly is the natural evolutionary pattern in which all species originate from a Ancestor. To have consistent computer-generated, monophyletic cram frames, it is sometimes necessary to change paraphylactic and polyphyletic groups by moving species into different genera, and by moving genera to different families. Many of the taxonomy revisions in the Jepson Manual 2nd Edition (2012) were made to have consistent monophylactic grouping. This is why Spirodela punctata was placed in the genus Landoltia and why Lemnaceae was placed in familial Araceae. The cluster (left) is from D.H. Les and D.J. Crawford (1999). It has high boot strap values and is based on molecular (rbcL) data from chloroplast DNA. It clearly shows that a grouping consisting of 3 species of Spirodela is paraphylactic. This is why S. punctata was placed in the monotypical genus Landoltia. Monophyletic Groupings: All descendants of a common ancestor In 1999, D.H. Les and D.J. Crawford proposed the new genus Landoltia containing an Art L. punctata, formerly Spirodela punctata. This species is morphologically intermediate between Lemna and Spirodela. According to Les & Crawford, it represents an isolated cluster different from both Lemna and Spirodela. Without this change, the genus Spirodela would be parafyletc. Les, D.H., and D.J. Crawford. Landoltia (Lemnaceae), a new genus of Duckweeds. Novon 9: 530-533. MorphologicalCharacteristic Spirodela intermedia Spirodela polyrrhiza Landoltia punctata Former Spirodela punctata Lemna All species profylum at the foot of Frond present, but reduced absent number of roots penetrating profylum S. intermediaries: 2 to 5 S. polyrrhiza: 1 (rarely 2) All roots No Profylum Overwintering Turions S. intermediary: None S. polyrrhiza: Present None Distinct; Some SmallFronds resemble turions present in L. turionifera No. of veins In Frond 7 to 16 3 to 7 1 to 5 no. of roots 7 to 21 Usually 2 to 5 Only 1 Root Tracheids Extend to Tips Basal Only Absent Dorsal Meristem of New Fronds On One Side (Lateral on the other side.) On both sides external anther locules does not extend over internal locules stretching slightly over the internal locules extending across the internal locules brown pigment cells in fronds presenting current absent cells with crystals raphides & druses raphides & druses raphides only a comparison of morphological functions between Landoltia, Spirodela and Lemna. With so few taxonomy properties, these assume a more important role in separating genera. Spirodela punctata has a taxonomy position between Spirodela (S. intermediary & S. polyrrhiza) and Lemna. A hypothetical cact in Les and Crawford (1999) based on morphological data from Landolt (1986) revealed a paraphyletic grouping of Spirodela before Spirodela punctata was finally placed in the monotypical genus Landoltia. According to Professor Dr. Elias Landolt (personal 2001), the establishment the new genus Landoltia is not necessary based on a purely morphological point of view; But based on DNA and enzymatic studies, the change is justified to form phylogeneetically consistent taxa. The inclusion of a fifth genus Landoltia seems to be necessary based on a comprehensive analysis of Lemnaceae by D.H. Les, D.J. Crawford, E. Landolt, J.D. Gabel and R.T. Kimball (2002). More than 4,700 characters were studied, including data from morphology and anatomy, flavonoids, allozymes and DNA sequences from chloroplast genes (rbcL, matK) and introns (trnK, rpl16). Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG) has proposed some significant changes in the classification of many traditional angiosperm families, including the placement of all duckweeds in Araceae instead of Lemnaceae. Nomenclatureal changes are cited under the APG II system (2003) and replaced by the APG III system (2009). These changes are based on computer-generated evolutionary trees or clitosgrams. Thousands of computer characters have been used, including morphology, anatomy, flavonoids, allozymes and DNA sequences from chloroplast genes and introns. The Jepson Manual Second Edition (2012) mainly follows the changes summarized in the following reference by W.T. Judd, et al. Since the genus Landoltia was proposed by D.H. Les and D.J. Cawford in 1999, several classic articles on the phylogeni of the duckweed subfamily (Lemnoideae) and other aroids (Araceae) have used the name Landoltia. In my opinion, the name Landoltia is justified because it complies with the goals of the Jepson Manual 2nd Edition (2012) based on phylogenetic studies using plastic DNA. Judd, W.S., Campbell, C.S., Kellogg, E.A., Stevens, P.F., and M.J. Donaghue. 2008. Plant Systematics: A Phylogenetic Approach (Third Edition). Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, Massachusetts. 611 p. Les, D.H., D.J. Crawford, E. Landolt, J.D. Gabel and R.T. Kimball. 2002. Phylogeny and systematics of Lemnaceae, Duckweed Family. Systematic botany 27 (2): 221-240. Cabrera, L.I., Salazar, G.A., Chase, M.W., Mayo, S.J., Bogner, J., and P. Davilá. 2008. Phylogenetic relationships of aroids and duckweeds (Araceae) derived from coding and non-encoding Plastid DNA. American Journal of Botany 95 (9): 1153-1165. Published names for this species Lemna punctata G.F.W. Meyer This was Meyer's original name based on the type of specimen collected along Essequibo, Guyana, South America in 1818. Unfortunately, Meyer's original type test was lost. Spirodela punctata (G.F.W. Meyer) Thompson C.H. Thompson placed this species in the genus Spirodela in 1898. Since the type test was lost, he based the new name on a copy from the Wilkes Expedition from 1938 to 1842, labeled Orange Harbor, Tierra del Fuego. According to Landolt (1986), Thompson newly identified this species in his 1898 publication. punctata (G.F.W. Meyer) Les & D.J. Crawford In 1999, D.H. Les and D.J. Crawford placed this species in the genus Landoltia based on DNA evidence. Re-Neotypification Of G.F.W. Meyer's 1818 Type Specimen Of Lemna punctata Note: This is a complicated taxonomy subject involving many articles from the International Code of Nomenclature For Algae, Fungi and Plants (Melbourne Code) 2011: Available online at: . An argument to replace the names Landoltia punctata and Spirodela punctata with the previous name Spirodela oligorrhiza has been made by Daniel B. Ward (2011). To ensure that we refer to the same species, Ward has proposed calling this Lesser Greater Duckweed to avoid confusing it with the larger species of Spirodela (S. polyrrhiza & S. middlemen) called Greater Duckweeds. In this article I just want to call it LG Duckweed instead of Lesser Greater Duckweed. Ward's proposal involves the re-neotypification of G.F.W.Meyer's 1818 type of specimen called Lemna punctata that was apparently lost. Ward also suggested as the new type a different species that we know today as Spirodela intermediaries. Ward, D.B, 2011. Spirodela oligorrhiza (Lemnaceae) is the correct name for the less greater duckweed. J. Bot. Res. Inst. Texas 5 (1): 197-203. Ward's LG Duckweed is the species that we have referred to as spirodela (Landoltia) punctata in today's taxonomy literature. If the original name (basionym) Lemna punctata G.F.W. Meyer is newly-neotypified by Ward using the native South American species Spirodela middleman W. Koch (1932), then the names Spirodela punctata G.F.W. Meyer (Thompson) and Landoltia punctata (G.F.W. Meyer) Les & D.J. Crawford will be used for Spirodela middlemen and not LG Duckweed. The genus Landoltia was based on DNA analysis of Ward's LG Duckweed (see below) and not Spirodela intermediaries. Therefore, the earliest correct name for LG Duckweed Lemna is oligorrhiza Kurz (1866) which was transferred to Spirodela oligorrhiza (Kurz) Hegelmaeir (1868). If a separate genus is created for LG Duckweed, landoltia cannot be used. In July 2012, I received an email from Dr. Thomas Rosatti, editor of the revised Jepson Manual (2nd Edition), and asked my opinion on Ward's retypification. Since C.H. Thompson already neotypified this species as Spirodela punctata in 1898, Ward's retypification should really be a re-neotypification. Since I wrote the paragraph on duckweeds (subfamily Lemnoideae), adopting Ward's re-neotypification would result in changes in several related species. In July 2012, I voiced my opposition to Ward's proposal on my on-line Lemnoideae page on Wayne's Word. I also included a two-paragraph email from Dr. Elias Landolt, Zurich stating his opposition to the proposed re-neotypification (see below). This offer can be verified on Internet Archive Wayback dated 8. Spirodela punctata (Meyer) Thompson was named by C.H. Thompson in 1898 based on a collection from the Wilkes Expedition from 1938 to 1842, labeled Orange Harbor, Tierra del Fuego. Whether this collection actually came from the tip of South America is debatable. The parentetic author G.F.W. Meyer previously described this species as Lemna punctata from a type sample collected in Guyana, South America in 1818. Unfortunately, Meyer's original type test was lost. According to Ward (2011), LG Duckweed does not occur in the areas where these collections were made: the Tierra del Fuego collection was mislabeled and the Guyana collection was not LG Duckweed. Futhermore, he says that the only native Spirodela in South America is S. intermediary. Since Meyer's type of specimen was lost, Ward re-identified the species as Lemna punctata G.F.W. Meyer and he designated S. middleman as the type. Thompson's binomial is still Spirodela punctata (Meyer) Thompson; However, this no longer refers to LG Duckweed. It is now the right binomial for South American Spirodela intermediaries. The correct name of LG Duckweed now becomes Spirodela oligorrhiza (Kurz) Hegelmaier, a name published by Hegelmeier in 1868. Hegelmeier apparently never saw the South American samples discussed above, so his name is probably based on the true LG Duckweed. Ward's neotypification in 2011 will make Landoltia a synonym of Spirodela and no longer available to the intended LG Duckweed. The restoration of separate generic status of LG Duckweed now known as Spirodela oligorrhiza (Kurz) Hegelm. will require the creation of a new family name. The binomial Spirodela punctata (Meyer) Thompson will now refer to the South American species known as Spirodela mediator W. Koch. By neotypification the name Landoltia becomes a synonym of Spirodela intermediaries. Quoted email from Dr. Elias Landolt According to E. Landolt (Personal Communication, 2012), the name change proposed by Ward is untenable. This offer can be verified on the Internet Archive Wayback Machine dated 8 September 2012. I think this problem can not be solved definitively. The main problem is the fact that it is not possible to determine which species Meyer described under the name Lemna punctata. Surely, it must be a species of genus Spirodela sensu lato because we do not know any other species in Lemnoideae with pigment cells (punctata). The description of Meyer is very rudimentary. I couldn't find a herbarium sample collected by Meyer. His description could concern Spirodela oligorrhiza, Spirodela intermediaries or Spirodela polyrrhiza. I collected all these species in North South America. The description is best suited for Spirodela oligorrhiza because it mentions 2-to 3 roots per leaf. Most individuals of S. oligorrhiza in nature have 2 to 5 roots. S. polyrrhiza and S. has mostly more than 8 roots (up to 18). Only very rarely and only in very young leaves they show less than 5 roots. L. punctata was collected by Meyer in Guyana. On the other hand, s. mediator is known from the neighboring state of Suriname and is certainly indigenous in the region. S. polyrrhiza and S. punctata can be introduced to South America. Today, S. punctata is frequent in the regions of Rio and Sao Paulo, in Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. I have collected S. polyrrhiza in Colombia and Ecuador. Although S. punctata is being introduced in South America, it is not known what year the introduction took place for the first time. It appears that S. punctata will easily be distributed by ship from port to port and from there by bird to places within a continent. I can understand that Thompson chooses a new type for Lemna punctata. The correctness of his decision is not disputed. I checked the neotype collection of Wilkes from copies in four different Herbara. It is clearly the species that is now called punctata. It is not important whether the material was collected in Orange Harbor or elsewhere. Because it is not possible and will probably never be possible to determine the identity of Lemna punctata with certainty it is not advisable to change the properly published neotype of Thompson. If we change the type of L. punctata again, we will have a terrible chaos in the nomenclature. That's why I'm not following ward's proposal. A. Landoltia punctata (Spirodela punctata = S. oligorrhiza); B. Lemna minuta. The upper surface of the Landoltia punctata is clearly punctate (shown pitted). In dead leaves, these punctates appear as brown pigment cells consisting of oxidized and polymerized cinemas similar to brown, oxidized phenolic componder in sliced apples and potatoes. Duckweeds with 2-3 (5) roots and a punat dorsal surface is undoubtedly Landoltia punctata. The punctual surface is undoubtedly the reason why G.F.W. Meyer originally called this species Lemna punctata about 200 years ago. Dorsal display of dried herbarium sample of Landoltia punctata shows brown pigment cells (punta) in subepidermal layers of the plant body (frond). The image was taken through an Olympus compond microscope with a Sony W-300 digital camera. Pigment cells occur in the plant bodies of other species of Spirodela. They are also in some species of Wolffia and Wolffiella, but not in Lemna. In fact, the punic species Wolffia brasiliensis (formerly W. punctata) were originally named after these pigment cells or punta. Wolffia punctata has also been used for W. borealis, but the correct synonym is W. brasiliensis. Enlargement 100x and 400x. South American Spirodela middleman (ingress) is superficially similar to S. polyrrhiza in size, shape and number of roots; However, it does not produce overwinteringturions. In fact, it does not occur in the cold northern latitudes. I 2-5 roots perforate the ventral lobe of the basal profylum compared to only 1-2 roots penetrating profylum in S. polyrrhiza. Due to their larger size, Spirodela species are sometimes referred to as larger duckweeds. Landoltia punctata is smaller, and in my opinion, more conspicuous punctate. Entry from E. Landolt (1986): The Lemnaceae family - A monoographical study. Vol 1. Veroff. Geob. Inst. ETH, Zurich 71: 1-566. My objection to Ward's proposed neotypification is based on two main points. (1) He re-enthrifies Meyer's lost type sample with the name Lemna punctata; However, he uses Spirodela intermediaries as a type. It is impossible to know with 100% certainty what species Meyer described under the name Lemna punctata back in 1818. It could have been LG Duckweed as we know as Landoltia punctata (Spirodela punctata = Spirodela oligorrhiza), or it could have been another species of Spirodela as S. intermedia. Why complicate this taxonomy based on speculation. (2) Cladistical analysis has clearly shown that Spirodela punctata belongs in a separate genus (Landoltia), otherwise grouping of Spirodela with 3 species is paraphylactic. The trend in modern floras such as the Jepson Manual Second Edition (2012) is for consistent monophylactic groups. A review of Ward's proposed re-neotypification Wards re-neotypification of Lemna punctata has been reviewed by J.H. Wiersema of the USDA Agricultural Research Service, National Germplasm Resources Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland.: Wiersema, J. H. (2014), Use of the name Lemna punctata G. Mey., type Landoltia Les & D. J. Crawford. Plant biology. 10.1111/plb.12209. Here are Dr. Wiersema's conclusions: Re-neotypification of Lemna punctata G. Mey. Ward (2011) shall be rejected on the grounds that it is neither determined unequivocally that the previously selected neotype differs from the original concept meyer, or that this neotype is in serious conflict with Meyer's protologist. S. punctata and Landoltia punctata, both based on Lemna punctata, remain the correct names in Spirodela or Landoltia for the widespread species sometimes known as S. oligorrhiza and the name S. intermedia remains correct for a related neotropical species.   See another taxonomy controversy about the wrong type of samples 6. An updated key to the Duckweed family The following indented dichotomy key separates the duckweed family into five different genera: A Key To The Genera Of Lemnaceae 1a. Plant body with 1 - several roots. 2a. Root a .... Lemna 2b. Roots 2 - 12. 3a. Roots 7 - 12 (or more); the plant 10 mm long .... Spirodela 3b. Roots 2 - 3 (up to 5); Plant - 6 mm long .... Landoltia 1b. Plant body without roots. 4a. Plant the body flattened; 3 - 10 mm long...................... Wolffiella 4b. Plant body globose-ovoid; 0.6 - 1.2 mm long .... Wolffia Depending on the genus, daughter plants are produced vegetatively in 2 lateral, flat, sprouting bags (Spirodela, Landoltia & Lemna), a flat, triangular budding bag at the basalenden (Wolffiella), or a funnel-shaped sprouting bag on the basalenden (Wolffia). Each plant produces up to a dozen daughter plants during its lifetime of 1-2 (or more) months. The daughter plants repeat the burgeoning history of their clonic parents, resulting in exponential growth. It has been estimated that the Indian Wolffia microscopy (Griff.) Kurz can reproduce by sprouting every 30 hours under optimal growth conditions. At the end of 4 months this would result in about 1 nonillion plants (1 followed by 30 zeros) occupying a total volume roughly equivalent to planet Earth. This astronomical vegetative growth and ability of some species to grow in stagnant, contaminated water is why some duckweeds are well suited for water recovery. Some species not only thrive on fertilizer-rich water, but can be fed back to livestock, thus completing the recycling process. In addition, some species (such as Wolffia) are a potential source of food for humans because they contain about 40 percent protein (dry weight) and correspond to soybeans in the amino acid content (with high levels of all essential amino acids except methionine). Although flowers are rarely observed in some species, all duckweeds bloom and reproduce sexually; However, some populations in small ponds may be clones of each other and not able to produce viable seeds. Since the flowers are usually protogynous with stigma receptive before the anther is ripe, the plants must be cross-pollinated by genetically different individuals with mature pollen-bearing anthers in synchronizing with receptive stigmas. In the summer months, 2 stamens (androecium) and a pistil (gynoecium), all enclosed in a membranous saclike spathe, appear in sprouting bags on the edge of the plant body in Spirodela, Landoltia and Lemna. In Wolffiella and Wolffia, a minute develops flower cavities on the top of the plant body containing a single stem and dust carrier (not enclosed by a spathe). The small bisexual flowers have no palpals or petals, and are barely noticeable without enlargement. Due to the sweet (sugary) stigmatic secretions and spiny pollen grains (covered with minute protuberances), there is evidence that certain species can be pollinated by insects. In fact, Lemnaceae pollen has been detected on flies, aphids, mites, small spiders and honey bees on the surface of dense duckweed layers. With floral genitals projecting from the surface or lateral Bags, many duckweed species can be contact pollinated as flowering individuals bump together or be piled up in winds along the edges of ponds and lakes. 7. Identification of morphologically similar species Lemna minuta vs. L. valdiviana Since flowers and fruits are rarely observed, most taxonomy keys to Lemnaceae are based on relatively few diagnostic vegetative properties that can vary under different environmental conditions. This often makes the precise identification of some species difficult, or in some cases practically impossible. All North American species have been separated by their flavonoid spot patterns using two-dimensional paper chromatography [see McClure & Alston (1966), Amer. J. Bot. 53: 849-860]. It should be noted that flavonoid chemistry is not always reliable for taxonomy separation because chromatographic patterns can be affected by environmental factors [see Ball, Beal & Flecker (1967), Brittonia 19: 273-279]. In addition, R. Scogin of RSA and J.L. Platt of OSU studied two-dimensional chromatography on clonal populations of Lemna minuta Kunth from San Diego County and came up with patterns identical to McClure & Alston's L. valdiviana Phil. According to Landolt (1987), the original clones of L. valdiviana studied by McClure & Alston may have actually been L. minuta. Over the past century, the taxonomy of L. minuta Kunth has been complicated by different names used by different authors. Several of the synonyms commonly found in the literature include L. valdiviana var. minima Hegelm., L. minima Phil. ex Hegelm. and L. minuscula Herter. James L. Reveal (Taxon 19: 328-329, 1990) neotypified the oldest name L. minuta Kunth and cleaned up some of the confusion and controversy about this widespread species. The plant bodies (leaves) of Lemna valdiviana are often connected in clusters of four to seven, and the nerve (vein) usually extends 3/4 of the distance from the node (point of root attachment) to the vertex. The closely related L. minuta has a weak nerve that only extends about 1/2 distance from the node to the vertex. When they grow in full sunlight, plant bodies of L. minuta are often only 2 mm long and are connected clusters of two. One of the hardest duckweeds to identify in the field is the growth form of Lemna minuta found in shady habitats. The plant bodies are often connected in clonal clusters of four and are slightly longer than the typical L. minuta grows in full sunlight. The shadow form of L. minuta can be distinguished from L. valdiviana by the extent of the nerve. The obscure nerve in L. minuta extends only about 1/2 distance from the node to the apex. Veins (Nerves) and Air Spaces Dorsal view of Lemna validiviana with backlight, showing the extent of nerve relative to the node (point of root attachment) and the top of the plant body. The simple nerve extends beyond the center of attention to about 3/4 of between the node and the vertex. The nerve clearly extends beyond the area of airspace (aerenchyma tissue). These properties exclude L. minuta, at least the typical form that grows in full sunlight. In L. minuta, the nerve rarely extends beyond the aerenchyma tissue and extends only about half the distance from the node to the apex. These may seem like relatively small morphological differences, but DNA sequencing studies clearly distinguish these two closely related species. General form and nerve extent in Lemna valdiviana compared to L. minuta. Plants of L. valdiviana are connected in clonal clusters of four to seven, while in L. minuta plants are usually connected in two. Each daughter plant is connected by a short stem (stipe). Note: Sometimes it may be useful to place difficult species in an observation dish and examine them over several days. Digital images can also bring out subtle differences. The following duckweeds were photographed through a dissexing microscope using a Sony backlit digital camera: Three duckweeds from Pinnacles National Monument in central California. A. Lemna smaller: Three veins arising from the point of root attachment (n), without dorsal row of papules and reddish anthocyanin on the ventral side (as in L. turionifera) and without winged rootyl (as in L. aequinoctialis). B. Lemna valdiviana: A weak vein that extends more than 3/4 distance from rotnode (n) to apex (red arrow), the plant body very thin and transparent through and floating on or just below the water surface (sliding under plant bodies of L. smaller and L. minuta in an observation dish). C. Lemna minuta: A vein that extends less than 2/3 distance from rotnode (n) to apex, vein that does not extend beyond the region with greater airspace (red arrow), plant body slightly thicker in the middle (not as uniformly thin and transparent as L. valdiviana), small size (only 1-2 mm long) or larger when it grows in the shade, liquid on the water surface (not submerged as in L.valdiviana). Photo taken with substage lighting. Ventral display of Lemna valdiviana shows a single vein stretching 3/4 of the distance between the node (point of root attachment) and apex of the plant body. According to Landolt, this is one of the most reliable properties to distinguish it from L. minuta due to the variety of these two species under different growth conditions. This sample was placed on a microscope slide with cover slip and photographed through a Bausch & Lomb microscope with a Sony W-300. Aerenchyma tissue appears better when all the water under the cover slip is allowed to dry. The image was converted into a negative with PhotoShop to show the extent of the vein. Using Dorsal Row Of Papules to separate Lemna turionifera From L. less Another difficult group of duckweeds is Lemna turionifera and L. smaller. L. turionifera has three main veins and is similar to L. smaller and non-gibbed L. Gibba. It differs from L. minor and L. Gibba in having a row of 3-7 minute papules along the center line of the dorsal surface. It also differs from L. minor by developing reddish anthocyanin on the underside, starting in the region around the root. What really distinguishes this species from other duckweeds is the presence of rootless, overwinteringturions in the autumn months. These are referred to as winter buds in the Jepson Manual of California Plants (1996). L. turionifera seems to be more common than L. minor in San Diego County. It usually replaces L. Gibba at the higher altitudes. Unfortunately, reddish anthocyanin and turions are not always present, so you need to rely on the row of papules along the center line of the dorsal surface. This can be difficult to see, especially on dried herbarium specimens. Ideally, herbarium samples should include field notes about the presence of a dorsal row of papules and reddish anthocyanin on the ventral surface. With some practice, these properties can be observed with a hand lens. Left: Ventral views of Lemna turionifera show patches of reddish anthocyanin, especially in the root region. L. less is usually not smothered with red anthocyanin. Nongibbous L. Gibba usually lacks the dorsal row of papules and often develops anthocyanin on the upper side. Right: Dorsal views of L. turionifera show the midline row of minute papules. L. minor usually does not have a distinct row of papules, although it may have minute apic and/or nodal papules. A. Lemna turionifera from Moose Lake, Minnesota. The plant body has a distinct middle line row of dorsal papules and is smothered with reddish anthocyanin. B. Lemna less (apparently) from Clearwater Lake. It does not have the middle line row of dorsal papules and does not have reddish anthocyanin. Some plants identified as L. minor had a minute apical papule. Landolt, E. 1975. Morphological differentiation and geographical distribution of the Lemna Gibba-Lemna minor Group. Aquatic Botany 1: 345-363. Approximate view of Lemna turionifera through a 20x hand lens. Without turions and reddish anthocyanin on the underside, it is difficult to distinguish this species from L. less. In fact, they were once referred to as L. less I and L. less II, respectively, by Landolt. Both species are common in western North America, although L. turionifera may be more common, especially in colder regions. This view shows the character-cyvical center line in the minute papules on the upper (dorsal) surface. L. less usually have a smooth surface without several papules arranged in a row. The papules are quite different on fresh specimens, but dried specimens should be hydrated. The term bump instead of papule in the Jepson Manual is unfortunate. 8. Importance of backlight for Duckweed Identification When identifying duckweed species (especially Lemna, Landoltia Spirodela), it is very important to see the plant bodies with backlight (substage lighting) to see the number and extent of the nerves. With a good 10x hand lens, this can be achieved by holding the plant body up against the bright sky. Backlight is also essential to see the treaty of elongated cells (costa) in the budding bag wolffiella. The location of the costa within the triangular budding bag is very important for distinguishing between W. lingulata and W. oblong. Illustration of Wolffiella lingulata compared to W. oblonga. With backlight, the shape of the budding bag and the relative position of the costa can be observed. In W. lingulata the budding bag angle is 80 to 120 degrees, with the costa located between the middle and the edge of the lower wall of the bag. In W. oblong the budding bag angle is 40 to 70 degrees, with the costa located along the edge of the lower wall of the bag. Without backlight under a microscope or good quality hand lens, it is almost impossible to see these characteristics. Illustration changed from images by W.P. Armstrong. 1993. Lemnaceae. In the Jepson Manual of Higher Plants of California, J.M. Hickman, editor. In 1999, there were 100,000 inhabitants in the UK. Dorsal view of Lemna turionifera. The left image has lighting from above and below. The right image has only substage lighting. To observe the number and position of nerves, it is best to use substage lighting only. The lateral dark bodies at the base of the mother plant are overwintering starchy bodies called turions. Because the specific gravity of starch is about 1.5, the turions sink to the bottom of quiet streams and ponds during the autumn where they survive the icy winter months. In spring when temperatures are again suitable for growth, the turions produce bubbles of carbon dioxide and rise to the surface. They give rise to daughter plants by budding, and soon clonal colonies of this remarkable duckweed again cover the water surface. Without turions, it is sometimes difficult to distinguish this species from the near-related L. minor. The dorsal surface of L. turionifera has a row of minute papules along the center line that are absent in L. less. In addition, spots of reddish anthocyanin sometimes develop on the ventral surface of L. turionifera that are absent from the underside of L. less. In L. turionifera, the largest (widest) distance between the 2 lateral veins is near the middle or above (distal). In the image above it is so close to the center point that this chararacteristic is not so useful. Transparent view of Lemna minor from Clearwater Lake, Minnesota. Another characteristic used to distinguish Lemna less from L. turionifera is the relative position of the greatest distance between lateral veins (inner lateral veins): In L. the widest point is near the center of the veins or below (proximal). In L. turionifera it is near the middle or above (distal). Since the widest distance can be near the center of both species, this trait is not always so useful. Images of Lemna turionifera See image of Lemna less In these times of high technology, as botanical research moves towards a molecular weight, it is very important to have samples verified by a taxonomyist. It is also important to have carefully prepared coupon samples on file in a nationally recognized herbarium. Modern molecular techniques, such as DNA sequencing, can lead to a better understanding of these fascinating species. 9. Photoperiodism In the Duckweed family Although some duckweed species superficially resemble each other, they can have significantly different biochemical patterns, such as a completely different photoperiodism in response to day length (hours of darkness). In daylight, the protein leaf pigment called phytochrome 730 (P-730) is formed. During the dark hours, the P-730 is slowly converted into phytorom 660 (P-660). In short-day plants, P-730 inhibits flowering. Short-day plants typically need about 15 hours of darkness to convert all P-730 present at sunset to P-660. In these plants, P-660 stimulates the release of the essential flower-stimulating florigen that induces flowering. The P-660 pigment is highly sensitive to specific wavelengths of light, and a flash of light during the 15 hours of darkness can instantly convert all P-660 back to P-730. Lemna aequinoctialis is clearly a short-day plant because it requires 16 hours of darkness (8 hours of light) to bloom. The closely related L. perpusilla is also a short-day species that shows maximum flowering with 13-18 hours of darkness, and no flowering with 9 hours of darkness (15 hours of light). These species will usually not bloom during the longest summer days or in a pond next to a strong street light. Long-day plants require 15 hours of daylight and 9 hours of darkness to flourish. In these plants, P-730 stimulates the release of the florigen and subsequent flowering. If the nets are long enough to convert all P-730 to P-660, no florigen will be released and flowering will not happen. Lemna Gibba is a long day plant that flowers with 9 hours of darkness. This species usually flowers during the longest days of summer. It will usually not bloom with 12 hours of darkness, for example, on the equator or under vernal equinox, because the nights are too long. The physiology of these long and short day species of duckweeds can definitely affect their range and potential for flowering and seed production. Exactly how some duckweed species are scattered and how they survive intermittent streams and ponds that dry up in summer is a riddle. Getting carried from pond to pond the feet of waterfowl (hidden neatly under the bodies of the ducks during the flight), probably explains the distribution of some species. In the southeastern United States, there are records of wolffia plant bodies being carried by a tornado, and they have even been reported in the water by molten hailstones! Some species have been carried by rivers and streams, and in the shipment of fish and aquarium cultures. Professor Dr. Elias Landolt (1997) discusses some of the ways duckweeds survive dry conditions (Bulletin of the Geobotanical Institute ETH, Stiftung Rubel 63). Seeds of all Lemnaceae examined so far tolerate drying for at least a couple of months to several years; However, seeds are rarely produced by clonal populations of some species. Although vegetative plant bodies cannot withstand shelling for more than a few hours, they can survive days (or weeks) embedded in wet mud and debris. According to Dan Richards (The Distributional Ecology Of Duckweeds (Lemnaceae) In local populations in Northern California, MA Thesis, Humboldt State University, 1989), vegetative plants of two species survived up to six hours of utsiccation (out of water). The two species tested by Richards (1989), Lemna minor and Landoltia punctata had a much higher survival rate when in large clumps compared to individually dried plants. Richard's experiments clearly show that these species can be easily carried short distances by migratory birds. Species that do not easily form seeds can also survive weeks or months of drought such as turions, especially if the turions are imbedded in mud, silt and debris. This is especially true for minute turions of Wolffia species. According to Landolt (1997), the South African Wolffia cylindracea can survive seasonally dry ponds for at least 16 months if the minute turions are firmly imbedded in clay soil. 10. Asnic Culture Of Duckweeds In Nutrient Agar The following methods are summarized from E. Landolt and R. Kandeler (1987): The family of Lemnaceae: A Monographic Study (Volume 2). Veroff. Geobot. Inst. ETH 95: 1-638. Species of Lemnaceae can be grown aseptically in nutrient gar similar to the methods used in plant tissue culture. The transmission techniques are similar to bacterial cultures using a flamed inoculation loop. The plants must first be cleaned (sterilized) before transferring them to the sterile agar. Plants that are connected in clonal clusters should be separated from each other. Individual plants should be dipped in a 0.5% solution of sodium hypochlorite (10% Clorox® or Purex® solution) for at least one minute, washed in aseptically distilled water, and then transferred to an aseptic nutrient solution containing 1% sucrose (see recipe for Hutner's solution below). Contamination of fungi will appear in this diluted sugar solution within several days. If all plants die, or if the solution becomes cloudy or of fungi, treatment must be carried out again. Plants that survive can be transferred to another aseptic nutrient solution containing 1% sucrose, 0.5% casein amino acids and 0.004% yeast extract. This solution will reveal contaminants at the same time. According to Landolt (1987), about 1-10% of plants normally succeed in staying alive and becoming aseptic. Some species (such as Wolffiella) may need more trials than others. Plants that survive this sterilization technique (and are not contaminated or infected by fungal forms) can be transferred to an aseptic nutrient in test tubes or Petri dishes. One of the best nutritional solutions for preparing the agar is 20% Hutner's solution (see table below). The mineral components of Hutner's solution are similar to some commercial plant tissue culture media. J.W. McClure (Taxonomy importance of flavonoid chemistry and morphology lemnaceae in axe culture, Ph.D. Thesis, University of Texas, 1964) maintained stock cultures of Lemnaceae clones in a 33% Hutner solution fortified with 1% sucrose and 1.25% Bacto-Agar (Difco Laboratories) per 100 ml medium. Recipe for 20% Hutner's Nutrient Medium: Mineral Nutrient Mg per liter NH4NO3 40 K2HPO4 80 Ca (NO3)2 40 MgSO4 100 FeSO4 5 MnSO4 3 Z nSO4 13 H3BO3 3 Na2MoO4 5 CuSO4 0.8 CoSO4 0,2 EDTA 100 For more information See the charm of Duckweed by Dr. John Cross 11. Control of Duckweed Blooms In Ponds and Reservoirs One of the most common questions received at this location is how to control population explosions or blooms of duckweeds where ponds, lakes and reservoirs are covered with a thick green layer of Lemna, Spirodela, Landoltia and Wolffia. Lemnaceae blooms usually occur in waters rich in nutrients, especially phosphorus and/or nitrogen. The nutrients stem from contamination from excessive use of fertilizer or possibly by an imbalance in the stocks of fish or waterfowl resulting in excessive nitrogen-containing waste products in the water. Recycling nitrogen and phosphorus from the cycle of growth and degradation of duckweeds can also contribute to the high levels of these elements. Destroying the duckweed layer with herbicides does not solve the problem of excess nutrients in the water. In addition, the chemical herbicides can be toxic to wildlife, either directly or through biological enlargement. Due to the exponential growth of Lemnaceae, herbicides must be used repeatedly (perhaps several times a year). Ideally, it is best to eliminate the influx of concentrated nitrates and phosphates into the water and avoid the use of concentrated fertilizer. Manual or mechanical removal of the duckweed cover can also remove a lot of nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients. Duckweed mats can be composted and used as green jewry. They can also be fed to livestock, rabbits, poultry and fish. It been estimated that 10 acres of duckweeds could theoretically deliver 60 percent of the nutritional needs of 100 dairy cows, whose fertilizers can be recycled to provide fertilizer to the flowering duckweeds. According to R.M. Harvey and J.L. Fox, 1973 (Nutrient Removal Using Lemna minor, J. Water Poll. Control the Fed. 45: 1928-1938), one hectare of water area is sufficient to raise 4000-7000 chickens and ends in a vegetation period. And according to E. Rejmankova, 1981. (On the production ecology of Duckweeds, Intern. Workshop on Aquatic Macrophytes, Illmitz, Austria), a hectare of Lemnaceae cover is sufficient to produce protein for 480 ducks in the warm season. The exploitation of duckweeds as food for animals is summarized by E. Landolt and R. Kandeler, pages 382-389 in Veroff. Geobot. Inst. ETH, Stiftung Rubel 95 Family of Lemnaceae: A Monographic Study Vol. 2, 1987. An extensive bibliography of Lemnaceae is also given on pages 414-580. The following 3 classic articles discuss duckweed use in aquaculture: Culley, D.D., Jr. et al. 1981. Production, chemical quality and use of Duckweeds (Lemnaceae) in aquaculture, waste management and animal feed. J. World Maricult. 12 (2): 27-49. Hillman, W.S. and D.D. Culley, Jr. 1978. The use of Duckweed. American scientist 66: 442-451. Rusoff, L.L., E.W. Blakeney and D.D. Culley, Jr. 1980. Duckweeds (Lemnaceae): A potential source of protein and amino acids. J. Agricult. Food Chem. 28: 848-850. Stopping the influx of nutrients and repetitive removal of the duckweed layer will greatly reduce the growth of duckweeds. Since waterfowl and most fish feed on duckweeds, they can help control the exponential population growth of these plants. In addition, Lemnaceae has a positive effect in eutrophic water because they remove ammonia that is toxic to fish in high concentrations. In general, Lemnaceae is very sensitive to herbicides. In fact, duckweeds are often used to test the toxicity of herbicides and to detect the presence of herbicides in water. According to Professor Dr. E. Landolt (pages 161-170 in Veroff. Geobot. Inst. ETH, Stiftung Rubel 95 Family of Lemnaceae: A Monographic Study Vol. 2, 1987), heterocyclic compounds (e.g. 6-methylpurin), urea derivatives and quaternary ammonium compounds (e.g. diquat and paraquat) are the most toxic substances for Lemnaceae. Some species, including PH 40:62, are extremely toxic to some species of Lemna. Some of these products are available from agricultural supply companies depending on federal, state or local regulations. They should be used with extreme caution and under very careful supervision. It would be advisable to consult with your city or county weed/mosquito reduction department before trying any major weed control project. Biological control using ducks, fish, turtles and crustaceans (water prawns, ejections, freshwater prawns, dafraf, amphipods, etc.) can also help control duckweed populations. There are a number of species of freshwater fish that eat duckweeds to supplement their diets, including pumpkin pe (Ctenopharyngodon idella), channel catfish (Ictalurus punctatus), common carp (Cyprus carpio), common mullet (Mugil cephalis), goldfish (Carassius auratus), and Tilapia (Sarotherodon), including S. moeambicus, S. hornorum, and S. nilotica. Duckweeds are also eaten by Pacu (Colossoma bidens), a freshwater fish native to the Amazon River. Some of these fish species may be available through fish farming distributors or local county and state agencies. An aquaculture company in Southern California was raising the tilapia for local seafood restaurants. More information about Duckweeds For Wastewater Treatment: LEMNA Corporation 1408 Northland Drive Suite 310 St. Paul, Minnesota 55120, U.S. Phone: (612) 688-0836 FAX: (612) 688-8813 12. WAYNE'S WORD® Copyright Policy All photo images and illustrations are copyrighted by encrypted watermarks and/or archive original 35 mm color transparencies. The name Wayne's Word and hippo logo is registered with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. 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Armstrong Page 3 Keys to this genus Plant bodies minute and rootless, with granular or melish texture when rubbed between the fingers of the hands; generally globoid to ovoid-ellipsoid or cylindrical (flat-topped in some species); 0.4-1.3 mm long and 0.2-1.0 mm wide, floating on or partially below the water surface; veir 0; pale transparent green whole or with dark green dorsal surface; some species punctate with brown pigment cells in the epidermis (visible on dead plants of W. borealis & W. brasiliensis); lonely or unless the daughter plant attached to the basal end; Simple, funnel-shaped budding bag in basal Daughter Plants Plants in basal sprouting bag (in most species, some daughter plants can sink to the bottom and act as overwintering turions); parenchyma without drying or raphide crystals of calcium oxalate; a bisexual flower produced inside the dorsal flower cavity, consisting of a single pistil and single stem (some authorities consider this to be an inflorescence with 2 unisexual flowers); pistil is located closest to basal budding handbag; anther unbisist and apically dehiscent along pigmented line; ovary uilocular with an ortropous ovulation; utricle globose and slightly compressed, carrying 1 globose-ovoid, smooth seeds with distinct conical operculum (seeds can be slightly reticulate but not longitudinal ribbed); size and shape of the plant body important for species identification (ideal under 10-20X magnification); at least 9 pp. worldwide, especially warm temperate and tropical regions; J.F. Wolff, German botanist and physician, 1778-1806; Armstrong, W.P. & R.F. Thorne (1984), Madrono 31: 172-179; Armstrong, W.P. (1989), Madrono 36: 283-285; Armstrong, W.P. (1985), Fremontia 13: 11-14. From here you can access: Keys to this genus Images of some species of Wolffia All text material and images on these pages copyright © W.P. Armstrong Page 4 Images of Lemnaceae in West North America Lemna - Spirodela - Landoltia - Wolffia - Wolffiella - General Spirodela polyrrhiza - Landoltia punctata - All text material and images on these pages copyright © W.P. Armstrong Armstrong

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