

Spatterdock

Nuphar variegata

-Spatterdock anchors the shallow water community and provides food for many of its residents. It provides seeds for waterfowl, stems and leaves for deer, and shade and shelter for fish.

-The leaf and flower stalks of Spatterdock emerge directly from a robust, spongy rhizome that is marked with a spiral of scars where old leaf and flower stalks were attached.

-Native Americans used both the rhizomes and the seeds of Spatterdock. The rhizomes were boiled, baked, or dried for flour. The seeds were also ground for flour or popped like popcorn.

-Any self respecting fisherman will want to plant some Spatterdock.



Nature uses as little as possible of anything.

-Johannes Kepler