

# White Water Buttercup

*Ranunculus longirostris*

-The genus name “Ranunculus” is derived from the Latin word “rana”, which means “little frog”, because many species tend to grow in moist areas.

-White Water Buttercup is a perennial emergent aquatic that flowers from June through August.

-White Water Buttercup is produced by the previous years rhizomes in the spring. Reproduction from seed may also occur when conditions are favorable.

-The fruit develops by early to midsummer, and expansion of the plant bed often occurs by runners that spread out and take root along the sediment. Therefore, if you do not want this plant to encroach on your swimming area, go out on a sunny day, look for the runners, and snip them before the take hold.

White Water Buttercup has been used in the past for a variety of medicinal purposes, including treatment of rheumatism and arthritis. They contain some potent compounds including one unique to the genus: “ranunculin”.

-A magnet; that is the best way that I can describe this plant as it pertains to attracting bass and other game fish.



**All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.**

**All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth  
befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.**

**We do not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it.**

**Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.**

**-Chief Seattle**