

# EMERGING INVASIVE ALERT:

## *Ranunculus lingua*

Greater Spearwort (Ranunculaceae)

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### IDENTIFICATION

rhizomatous



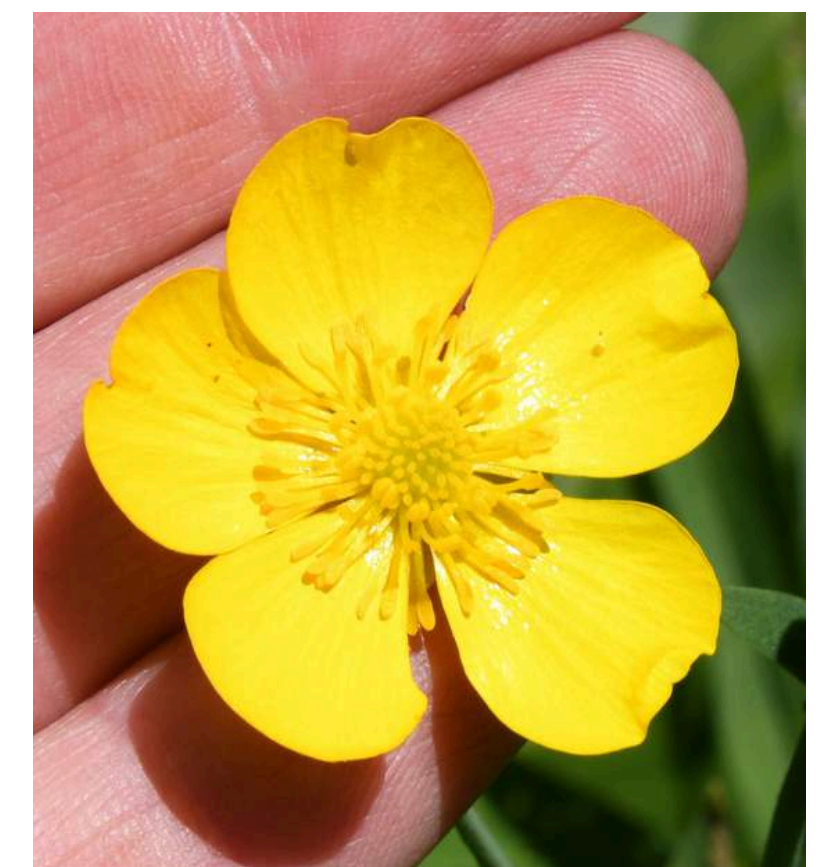
flowering stems  
0.7–1.2 m tall



leaves lanceolate  
or elliptic



flowers 3–5 cm  
in diameter



### INVASIVENESS

Native to Eurasia, this species has escaped from water gardens in North America. Due to its aggressive growth and invasion of natural areas, this species should not be cultivated in our region. Opportunities exist to stop this invasive now, before it becomes fully established in North America.

### HABITAT

Shallow water and very wet soil of pond shores and marshes, in full sun or light shade.

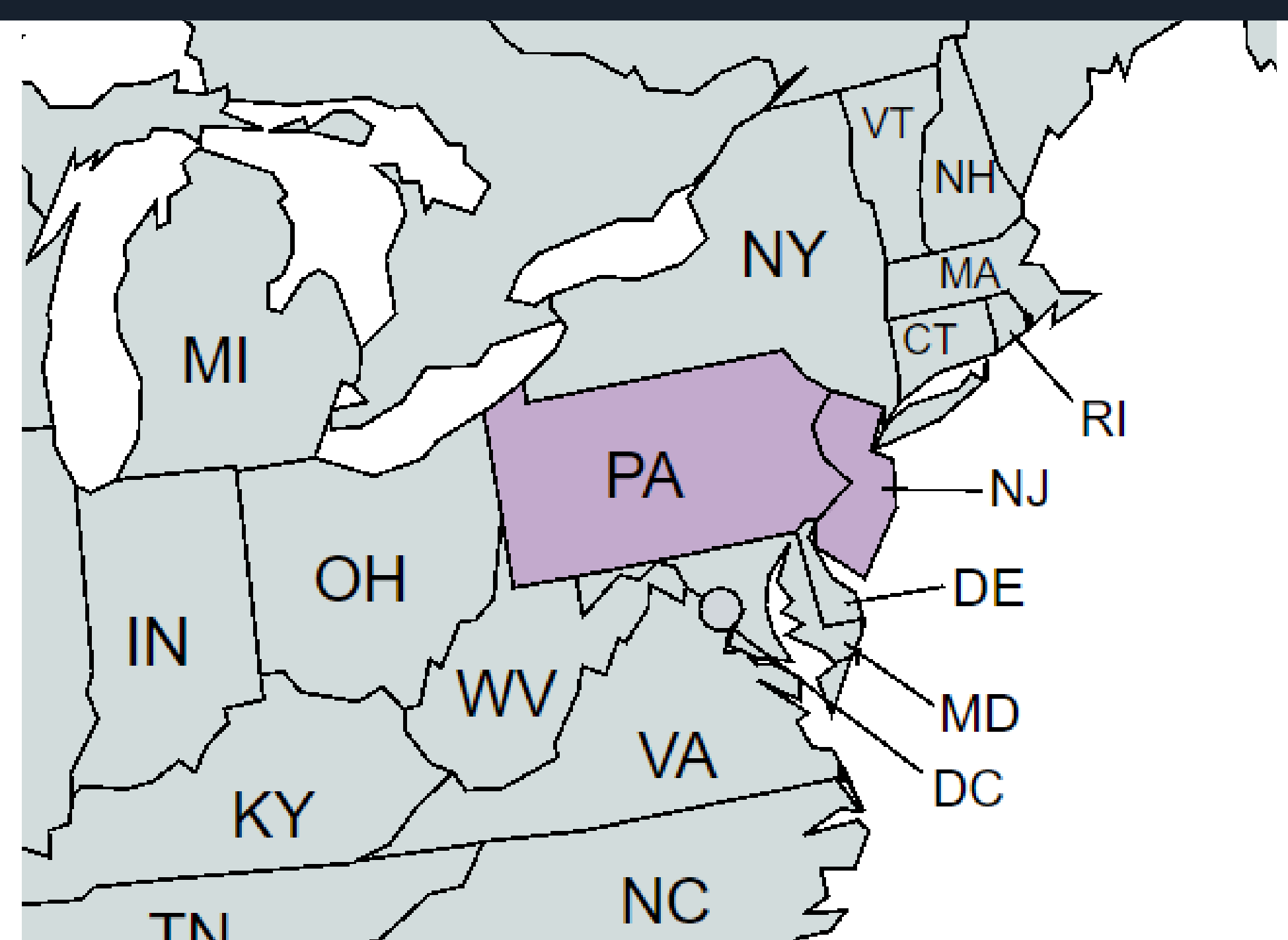
### HOW TO HELP

Report occurrences to your local or state invasive species management agency.

### AGGRESSIVE AQUATIC



### DISTRIBUTION IN NORTHEAST



### SOURCES

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