

# PYGMY WATER-LILY

*Nymphaea tetragona*

Water-lily Family (Nymphaeaceae)

**Habitat:** Ponds, lakes and quiet streams

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Yukon:** Western Yukon; known only from Snag Junction

**North America:** Western Canada including Yukon and Northwest Territories, Alaska and northwestern United States

**World:** North America, Eurasia

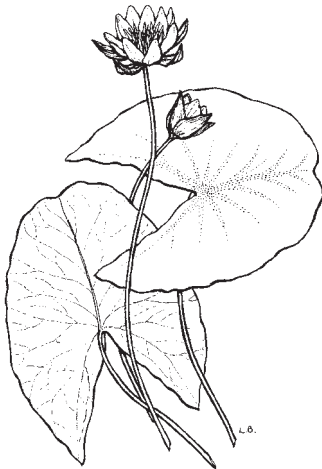
**CONSERVATION RANK**

**Global rank:** Secure (G5)

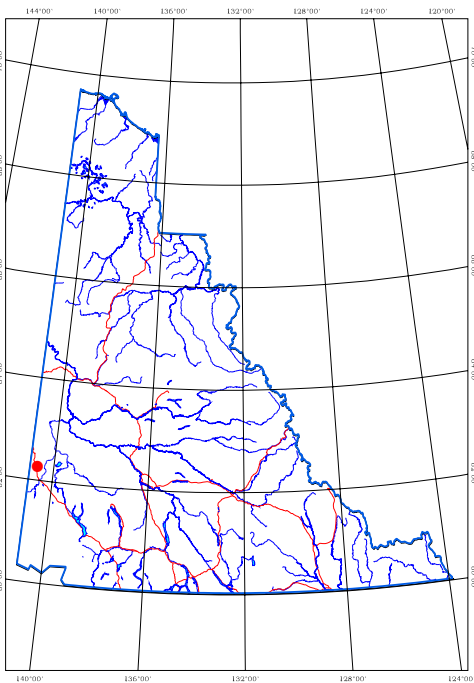
**Canadian rank:** Secure (N5)

**Yukon rank:** Critically Imperilled to Imperilled (S1S2)

**Distinguishing features:** Flowers white and broadly expanding, with 4 green or purplish sepals, distinguish *Nymphaea* from Yellow Pondweed, *Nuphar* spp., that have nearly round flowers with 5 or more yellow sepals the resemble petals. Leaves of *Nymphaea* are much smaller.



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Compare the size of *Nymphaea* (center) with *Nuphar* (upper left).