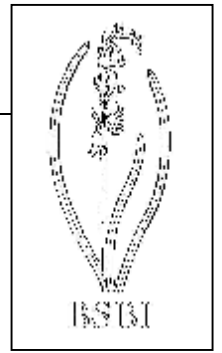


Plant Crib



LUDWIGIA ' KENTIANA / L. PALUSTRIS

Ludwigia plants appearing outside the restricted native range of the very rare *L. palustris* should be checked to see if they are the widely available horticultural aquarium plant *L. × kentiana* (*L. palustris* × *L. repens*). Specimens are easiest to name when fresh. Petals detach quickly after opening, so examine buds (× 20 lens).

	<i>Ludwigia palustris</i> (L.) Ell.	<i>Ludwigia</i> × <i>kentiana</i> E. J. Clement
Petals	Absent	(1-)4, minute (c. 0.5 mm), spatulate, cream
Fruit	Swells to sub-rotund shape, soon revealing 4 dark green longitudinal rupture lines	Narrow, long, uniformly pale green not swelling (i.e. sterile)
Bracteoles	Minute, up to 0.6 mm	1-1.5 mm, some reaching mid-ovary position

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