

# DUCKWEED Caresheet

(Duckweed Lemna Minor)

**Plant difficulty: EASY – Duckweed is the perfect aquarium plant for beginners**

## What is Duckweed plant

Duckweed Lemna Minor is a sub-class of Lemnoideae flowering floating aquatic plants, known to be one of the smallest flowering plants. Duckweed is a **native Australian aquatic plant**. This floating aquarium plant is commonly found in still and slow moving freshwater rivers, lakes and wetlands. Duckweed is suitable for ponds or aquarium tanks. Duckweed is a great addition to your aquascape as a floating aquarium plant. Floating just beneath the surface, Duckweed aquatic plants form a lush green carpet on top of your fish tank, providing shelter and shade for fish and other plants. Find out more information aquascaping in our [how to set up a planted aquarium guide](#). PetWave has live [Duckweed for sale](#) Australia.

## Where is Duckweed banned?

Due to government environmental restrictions, PetWave cannot send the live aquarium plant, Duckweed, to **Western Australia**. You can still purchase an artificial Duckweed floating aquarium plant.

## What is Duckweed good for?

Duckweed floating aquarium plants remove excess nutrients in aquarium water, and help control algae.



**What tropical fish eat Duckweed?** [Goldfish](#), Koi, Tilapia, [Cichlids](#), [Shrimp](#), Grass Carp, and turtles, enjoy Duckweed as food due to its high protein. Duckweed should be fed in conjunction with fish food, and not solely be relied upon for a fish's diet.



**Does Duckweed oxygenate water?** Floating Duckweed also helps aerate your tank with oxygen, leading to healthy fish and overall high water quality. It is important to ensure your Duckweed aquarium plant does not completely cover the top of your aquarium as this will cause oxygen depletion. The poor lighting conditions created will inhibit photosynthesis, and may cause fish to die. Find out even more [benefits of live aquarium plants](#) vs artificial aquarium plants.

## How to dispose Duckweed aquarium plant

Introduced aquarium plants can cause [significant damage to Australia's natural ecosystem](#). Never dispose of Duckweed where they could be washed into natural waterways or drains. Seal aquarium plant in a plastic bag and dispose in a garbage bin.

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Temperature	15 – 32°C
Light	Medium / High
Ph range	6.0 – 8.0
Growth speed	Fast

Regular aquarium water [pH tests](#), and appropriate pH control [water treatment](#), are recommended to level between 6.0 – 8.0, particularly when setting up a new aquarium.

**Can Duckweed survive winter?** While the temperature range for Duckweed growing in an aquarium is broad, a [glass aquarium thermometer](#) will help monitor the temperature of your

planted aquarium. In winter, an aquarium heater is recommended

**Duckweed lighting requirements:** Duckweed will survive in medium lighting. To promote Duckweed growth, increase lighting using a [UVB lamp](#).

To boost the nutrients and benefits of having a Duckweed plant, a liquid [aquarium plant fertiliser](#) should be used at least every two weeks.

## Planting Duckweed in an aquarium

Planting Duckweed is simple, Duckweed is a floating aquarium plant so does not require planting in aquarium substrate. Simply place your [Duckweed floating plant](#) in your aquarium tank water.

### Duckweed How to get rid of

Use an [aquarium fish net](#) to scoop out unwanted Duckweed aquatic plants from your tank.

**Important note:** Carefully consider the addition of Duckweed water plants to your aquarium. It is difficult to remove *all* of the Duckweed plant. Although you may think you have gotten rid of the entire plant, you may notice it growing again. Continue using a [fish net](#) to remove the aquarium plant.



### How does Duckweed reproduce

Duckweed reproduction will occur on its own; no intervention necessary. Provided the conditions are kept between the desired parameters, Duckweed will grow.

[Aquarium tongs](#) are a helpful tool when planting, handling, trimming, and replanting Duckweed without putting your hands and arms in the tank.