Below is a brief list of ornamental water plants that have either edible parts or can be used as a food source after proper preparation.*

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Edible Aquatic Plants

Botanical Name	Common Name	Edible Part	Habit
Acorus calamus	Green Giant Sweet Flag	rhizome	Bog
Acorus calamus 'Variegatus'	Variegated Giant Sweet Flag	rhizome	Bog
Acorus gramineus	Japanese Sweet Flag	rhizome	Marginal
Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'	Golden Sweet Flag	rhizome	Marginal
Acorus gramineus 'Pusillus'	Dwarf Sweet Flag	rhizome	Marginal
Acorus gramineus 'Variegatus'	Variegated Sweet Flag	rhizome	Marginal
Alisma plantago aquatica	Water Plantain	roots	Bog
Aponogeton distachyus	Water Hawthorne	Tuberous corms, leaves and flowers	Submerged
Bacopa monniera	Smooth Water Hyssop	leaves and stems	Marginal
Canna 'Endeavor' (Longwood Hybrid)	Canna Endeavor	rhizome	Bog
Canna 'Erebus' (Longwood Hybrid)	Canna Erebus	rhizome	Bog
Canna flaccida	Canna Florida Native	rhizome	Bog
Canna 'Taney' (Longwood Hybrid)	Canna Taney	rhizome	Bog
Ceratophyllum demersum (Syn. C. apiculatum)	Hornwort	leaves and stems	Floating
Colocasia esculenta	Green Taro	corms and tubers, must process safely	Bog
Colocasia esculenta 'Black Magic'	Black Taro	corms and tubers, must process safely	Bog
Colocasia esculenta 'Fontanesii	' Violet-Stem Taro	corms and tubers, must process safely	Bog
Colocasia esculenta 'Illustris'	Imperial Taro	corms and tubers, must process safely	Bog
Cyperus papyrus	Giant Egyptian Papyrus	rhizomes and young shoots	Bog

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Eleocharis montevidensis	Sand Spike Rush	tubers	Bog
Eleocharis tuberosa	Water Chestnut	corms	Bog
Houttuynia cordata 'Chamaeleon'	Variegated Chameleon Plant	leaves and roots	Marginal
Marsilea mutica	Four Leaf Water Clover (Rainbow Nardoo)	Sporocarps - the pea-like fruiting structure	Emerging
Mentha aquatica	Water Mint	leaves	Bog
Myriophyllum pinnatum	Brown Foxtail	young shoots and leaves	Bog
Nelumbo 'Green Maiden'	Green Maiden Lotus	Leaves, seeds and tubers	Submerged
Nelumbo 'Mrs. Perry Slocum'	"Mrs. Perry Slocum" Lotus	Leaves, seeds and tubers	Submerged
Nymphaea sp.	Assorted Waterlily	Rhizomes, leaves, young flower buds, leaf stems	Submerged
Nymphoides indica	Water Snowflake/ White	young shoots and leaves	Submerged
Oenanthe javanica	Green Water Celery	leaves and stems	Bog
Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo'	Variegated Water Celery	leaves and stems	Bog
Pistia stratiotes	Water Lettuce	leaves	Floating
Pontederia cordata	Blue Pickerel	Seeds and young leaf stalks	Bog
Pontederia cordata 'Alba'	White Pickerel	Seeds and young leaf stalks	Bog
Pontederia cordata sp.	Pink Pickerel	Seeds and young leaf stalks	Bog
Thalia geniculata 'Ruminoides'	Red-Stemmed Thalia	rhizomes and young leaves	Bog
Tulbaghia violacea	Society Garlic		Marginal
Tulbaghia violacea 'Silver Lace'	Variegated Society Garlic		Marginal
Typha latifolia	Common Cattail Rush (Cumbungi)	Young rhizome tips and flower spikes	Bog

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Vallisneria americana	Eelgrass	leaves	Submerged
Zantedeschia aethiopica 'Childsiana'	Dwarf Calla Lily (Arum Lily)	young leaves	Marginal

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