

# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

**Scientific Name:** *Ceratopteris*

*thalictroides* (syn = *Acrostichum thalictroides*)

**Common Names:** water sprite, water fern, swamp fern, floating stag's horn, Sumatra fern, Indian fern, oriental water fern.

**Origin:** found world-wide in lowland tropics

**Propagation:** spores and propagules on outer margins of leaves

**Habit:** used in aquascape as a middleground or floating plant in still or slow running waters

**Description:** the structure of this species depends on how it is grown (emersed, submersed). The soft leaves or fronds resemble chrysanthemum leaves. They are a rich emerald green. In the water, submersed leaves are large and pliable. When the plant grows out of the water, the leaves become much more brittle, fleshier – almost like green twigs.

**Presence on Kaua'i:** During a roadside survey conducted in 2007, this plant was spotted in a ditch fronting Wailua Golf Course.

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## KISC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As an ongoing part of KISC's Early Detection Program, we are asking anyone to report sightings of this plant so that we might conduct delimiting surveys resulting in possible eradication.

Let us know by sending an email to: [kisc@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:kisc@hawaiiintel.net)



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