

Lemna obscura (Austin) Daubs

Current Status

PX

Proposed Status (click for definitions) UXHFTN or W

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Habitat

Mesotrophic to eutrophic, quiet waters, in temperate to subtropical regions with mild winters (Landolt in FNA)

Estimated number of extant occurrences () – ()

Estimated number of extant individuals () – () Genets

Collected twice, perhaps at the same site, 1907 and 1927. The "Neck" below Philadelphia, and Pennypack Park. Identification of both specimens was verified by Landolt.

This species has a strange distribution as mapped, no doubt at least in part due to failure to recognize the species, both in terms of taxonomy and identification. The FNA map suggests a coastal plain--up the Mississippi pattern. I assume that the states on the Kartesz map that show "present in state" but with no county records are based on Landolt in FNA. Note that this species was not recognized in Wherry et al, and thus Kartesz missed the *Lemna obscura* record from Philadelphia County.

Coe Finch Austin did a great job choosing an epithet...

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