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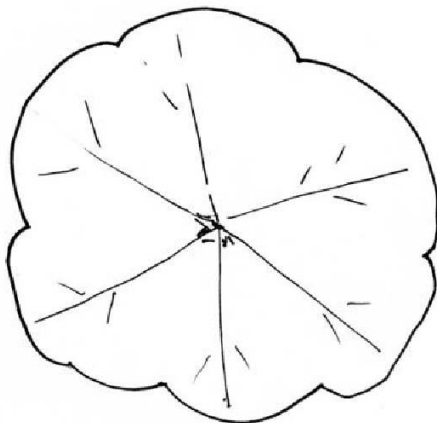
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DISTINGUISHING HYDROCOTYLES

It is very difficult to tell *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides* (which comes from the USA) from *H. vulgaris* (native to the UK). Leaf shape and characteristics are of use in identification (see below). It may be useful to ask your supplier to confirm what you are being sold.

As interest grows in invasive aquatic plants, there may be circumstances in which trading standards officers ask you to prove that what you sold is as described.



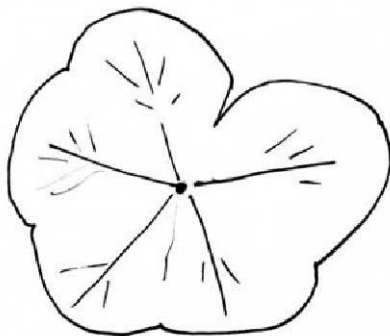
Hydrocotyle vulgaris

Matt and less dark green

May have long occasionally hairy stems

Grows in boggy areas which can be flooded

In late season spent flower spike remains upright



Hydrocotyle ranunculoides

Deep cut in leaf toward leaf stem

Waxier darker green

More distinct central eye (where stalk meets leaf)

In late season spent flower spike bends down

Stems usually smooth with no hairs