Floating

Rooted to bottom

Some leaves on stalks above water (emergent)
- Leaves feather-like and in whorls around stem
  - Parrotfeather

Submerged leaves present along stem, usually different from floating leaves
- Pondweeds, Water star-worts

No emergent leaves
- Leaves alternate on stem, flowers yellow, showy
  - Floating primrose-willow

No submerged leaves
- Stem attached in center of leaf, lower leaf surfaces and buds covered in slime
  - Water shield

Stem attached in slit at leaf edge
- Leaf small (<10cm), leaf edge wavy, yellow flowers with ruffly petals borne in groups of 2-5 per stalk
  - Yellow floating-heart

One flower per stalk
- Leaf edge smooth, flowers white to pink and borne singly on separate stalks
  - Fragrant water-lily

Leaves tiny
- Duckweeds, watermeals, water-fern, Riccia

Leaves bulbous at base
- Water hyacinth

Free floating

White boxes = native plant
Gray boxes = invasive plant