

Kajian ilmiah dan mitologi dari marga *Nymphaea* L. (Nymphaeaceae)

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Nymphaea is one prominent member of Nymphaeaceae family. Yet, people seemed to be mistakenly disambigued the member of *Nymphaea* genus, into plants from Nelumbonaceae or Menyanthaceae family. Apparently, the oldest fossil record of *Nymphaea* showed that this group of plants presumed to be existed since the Late Eocene to Early Oligocene. Some species of *Nymphaea* has been known by Ancient Egyptian and Mayan Tribe, whether being worshipped or used as ritual materials. Until now, the member of *Nymphaea* is still used as food or medicinal source by some Countries.