## WHAT'S THAT GREEN STUFF?

## **Duckweed Growth**

For some duckweed is a menace, for others it's a Godsend. This plant has the ability to reproduce rapidly, it can double in just 16 hours - 2 days, depending on its growing environment.

This makes it either a formidable enemy or a fantastic ally.

For those of you who don't know what duckweed is, it is a small floating plant that grows on still ponds. It can cover



an area rapidly and because of this can cause problems. Now however, duckweed is being touted as a miracle plant for many reasons including the ones listed below.

- Cost effective renewable energy.
- Water filter
- Mosquito prevention
- Prevents algae growth
- Reduces evaporation on bodies of water
- Virtually free animal feed
- Food for humans