



## Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of blue lotus

**What was found?** In response to mentions of blue lotus for the first time from the RSR Austin, TX site visit, the Web Monitoring Team examined online interest in the drug. Blue lotus has experienced steady activity in the past three years, with activity peaking in early and late 2022.

**What is blue lotus?** Blue lotus, also known as *Nymphae caerulea*, is a water lily primarily found in East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. The flower contains aporphine, a dopamine agonist. Blue lotus is primarily sold as tea extracts or incense.

**How is it being discussed?** Online discussion of blue lotus primarily revolves around its use with other drugs, such as psilocybin or marijuana. Commenters also commonly discussed the drug's availability.

**Drug Terms:** Blue lotus, *Nymphae caerulea*