

Table 1 Observation results of tissue structures in leaves of six species of *Nymphaea*

<i>Nymphaea</i> species	Leaf thickness / μm	Thickness of upper epidermis / μm	Thickness of palisade tissue / μm	Thickness of spongy tissue / μm	Thickness of lower epidermis / μm	Palisade tissue-spongy tissue ratio	Tissue structure tightness/%	Tissue structure looseness/%	Stomatal density/(mm^{-2})	Stomatal size /(μm^2)
<i>Nymphaea alba</i>	803.66a	16.20a	145.30a	625.16a	20.36ab	0.23b	18.09c	77.78a	358.33d	148.22a
<i>Nymphaea immutabilis</i>	600.27b	16.79a	119.33b	445.33b	20.59ab	0.27b	19.90bc	74.11b	577.50b	80.27c
<i>Nymphaea lotus</i>	270.19d	10.41b	63.11d	179.52d	15.67cd	0.35a	23.35a	66.44c	572.69b	152.69a
<i>Nymphaea colorata</i>	330.93d	14.70a	60.01d	239.89c	17.34bc	0.26b	18.70bc	71.56b	645.00ab	130.95ab
<i>Nymphaea minima</i>	403.96c	14.78a	75.42c	289.59c	22.35a	0.26b	18.64bc	71.72b	683.33a	120.27b
<i>Nymphaea potamophila</i>	158.42e	7.64c	33.74e	99.91e	12.55d	0.34a	21.37ab	63.05c	453.26c	148.10a
Mean	427.90	13.42	82.82	313.23	18.14	0.29	20.01	70.78	548.35	130.08
C _v	52.15	27.80	47.30	58.19	24.57	19.30	13.12	7.72	22.82	22.47

Note: Different letters represent significant differences at 0.05 level

