

Table 4 Comprehensive evaluation of cold tolerance of six species of Nymphaea

Species	Leaf thickness	Stomatal density	Palisade ratio	tissue-spongy tissue	Comprehensive evaluation	Order of cold tolerance
<i>N.alba</i>	1.000	1.000	0.000		0.667	1
<i>N.immutabilis</i>	0.685	0.326	0.364		0.458	4
<i>N. lotus</i>	0.173	0.340	1.091		0.535	3
<i>N.colorata</i>	0.267	0.118	0.273		0.219	5
<i>N.minuta</i>	0.381	0.000	0.273		0.218	6
<i>N. potamophila</i>	0.000	0.708	1.000		0.569	2