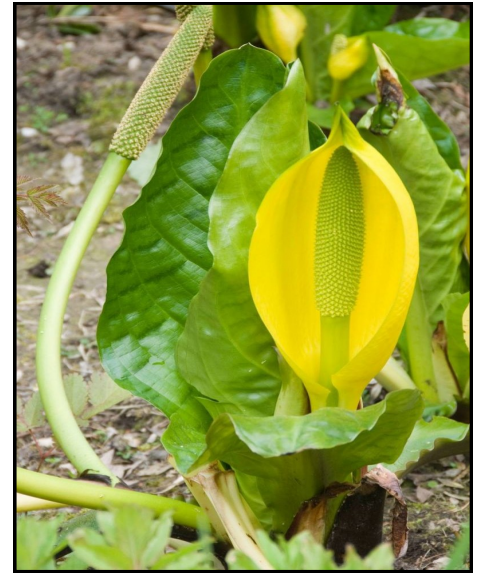
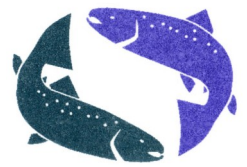


# Skunk Cabbage, *Lysichiton americanus*



Skunk cabbage is a non native invasive species that produces a single flower between March and May. The flowers are large yellow and emit a pungent odour similar to that of a skunk. Thick, leathery leaves of up to a meter are produced in a basal rosette, the flower grows from a large central spike that produces berries ripening from June to early August. Skunk cabbage will outcompete and over-shade native ground vegetation reducing native biodiversity.

## Control Methods.

- **Digging:** the plant and it's roots should be dug from the ground and allowed to desiccate in the sun or the plant can be incinerated, alternatively contact the local council to find a licenced landfill site that will dispose of the plant.
- **Pesticide application:** the plant can be sprayed by those qualified (minimum PA6AW) with a glyphosate based herbicide such as Round-up after obtaining a SEARS licence through SEPA.

If found contact Ayrshire Rivers Trust: [info@ayrshireriverstrust.org](mailto:info@ayrshireriverstrust.org) or 01292 737300 with a location (12 figure GPS coordinates are preferable) and a picture to confirm the plants identity.