



YELLOW FLAG IRIS

(*Iris pseudacorus*)

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? It is a perennial that can grow up to 4 feet tall. The basal leaves are erect and the upper part of the leaf arches; they are flattened and 3-4 feet long. Large, pale to deep yellow flowers have 3 large sepals that look like petals and 3 small petals with several flowers per stalk.

WHERE DOES IT GROW? This escaped ornamental plant prefers wetlands, edges of ponds, irrigation ditches, and slow moving streams up to 10 inches deep. Once established, these plants can clog small streams and dominate shallow wetlands and wet pastures.

WHEN DOES IT BLOOM? Blooming usually begins in May and can continue through August.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD? These plants spread from broken stem or root pieces which have the ability to develop roots and start new plants. They also produce seeds which have increased germination after fire.



HOW DO I CONTROL IT?



Non-Chemical Methods:

- Plant crowns can be dug out.
- Repeated cultivation will destroy seedlings.

Chemical Methods: Chemical control is limited to herbicides labeled for aquatic use. Report any suspected infestation in a public waterway to your County Noxious Weed Department. **Aquatic herbicides can only be applied to public waterways by government agencies with permits.** Check with your Noxious Weed Control Office for more specific details.

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