

Greater celandine

Chelidonium majus

Description

Toxic to humans.

Habit

Erect, biennial/perennial, 12 to 32 inch tall forb, yellowish sap; stems branched, leafy and ribbed.

Leaves

Several, alternate, deeply lobed and pinnately-divided.

Stems

Weak, erect, 12-32 inches tall, sparingly pubescent.

Flowers

Yellow, 4-parted, 3/4 inches wide; inflorescence are small, umbel-like clusters; blooms May-August.

Fruits and Seeds

Small, glabrous, black in color; borne in a long, cylindrical capsule that is 2-5 cm long. Each has an elaiosome, which attracts ants to disperse the





seeds.

Habitat

Native to Europe. Found in waste places, thickets, roadsides and dry woods.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand pull before plant goes to seed. Use of any

Credits

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