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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