

## 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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