

Butter and eggs

Linaria vulgaris

Description

Introduced to North America as an ornamental in the mid 1600s.

Habit

Perennial, herbaceous, spreading, can reach up to 1 m (3.3 ft) tall.

Leaves

Nearly sessile, drooping, linear, 1-2 in (2.5-5 cm) long, sometimes be sparsely covered by long hairs, blue-green in color.

Stems

Erect to decumbent stems; 1-2 ft high.

Flowers

Yellow to white in color, snapdragon-like flowers, 0.6-1.2 in (1.5-3 cm) long and occur in racemes at the apex of the stems; 15-20 flowers per stem.

Fruits and Seeds

Seed are 0.4-0.5 in (9-12 mm) long, each capsule contains small, flat seeds with a papery





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Habitat

Native to Europe. Found in fields, pastures, roadsides, undisturbed prairies and rangelands.

Reproduction

By seed. Easily dispersed by wind and water, and stay viable in the soil for up to 8 years.

Similar

Oldfield toadflax (*Nuttallanthus canadensis*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Frequent mowing will weaken the plant; Spray with 2,4-D broadleaf herbicide; 2 European beetles feed on buds, flowers and seed capsules.

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