

## Garden yellow loosestrife

### *Lysimachia vulgaris*

#### Description

Can be distinguished from relative natives by its red-margined calyx.

#### Habit

Herbaceous perennial reaching 1 m (3.25 ft) in height, with long rhizomes that can extend 10 m (33 ft).

#### Leaves

Whorled or opposite, lanceolate with hairs and small glands below, dotted.

#### Stems

Erect; solitary; simple or branching below; slightly dotted with reddish or blackish spots; densely glandular-hairy; reaches up to 1 m (3.25 ft) in height.

#### Flowers

Yellow in color, 5 petals, held in a terminal panicle, calyx lobes with red margins, 1/2-1 in wide, smooth; blooms June through September.





### **Fruits and Seeds**

Small capsule.

### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Grows well in moist soils including wet meadows, fens, floodplain forests, streams and riverbanks, and along the edges of lakes and ponds.

### **Reproduction**

By seed and by spreading rhizomes, seed may be water-dispersed.

### **Similar**

Large yellow loosestrife (*Lysimachia punctata*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Hand-pulling for small infestations.

### **Credits**

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