

## Yellow flag iris

### *Iris pseudacorus*

#### Description

Its six-angled capsule distinguishes it from blue flag (three-angled capsule) later in the season.

#### Habit

Herbaceous perennial, ranging from 0.5-1 m (1.5-3 ft) in height, erect, perennial, semi-aquatic, stems usually shorter than the leaves, roots densely crowded rhizomes.

#### Leaves

Narrow, stiff, erect, sword-like.

#### Stems

Shorter than leaves; erect.

#### Flowers

Yellow in color, 3 downward-spreading petal-like sepals; 3 upward-pointing petals; sepals often with irregular dark markings; blooms May through





June.

### **Fruits and Seeds**

Seed pod, 3-celled, leathery, 5-8 cm. long.

### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Found along edges of lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and floodplain forest; grows in water depths of up to 25 cm (10 in).

### **Reproduction**

By floating seed, vegetatively by rhizomes; dispersed by water and gardeners.

### **Similar**

Blue Flag (*Iris versicolor*) has a 3-angled capsule making it easier to distinguish once flowers die.

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Hand-pulling; cutting or mulching; effectively controlled by any of the several readily available general use herbicides such as glyphosate.

### **Credits**

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