

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.

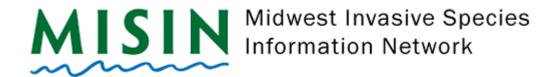
Flowers

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.

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