

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.

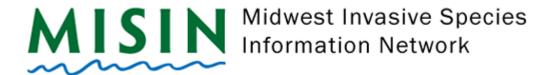
Flowers

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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