

Yellow bedstraw

Galium verum

Description

Habit

Short to medium and often sprawling grassland perennial.

Leaves

Whorled groups of 8-12, very narrow, 1/2 in. to 1.5 in. long, 1/8 in. wide, variously covered in short hairs, sharply pointed at tip, leaf edges slightly rolled, upper surface glossy.

Stems

4 sided with rounded angles, covered in short hairs to varying degrees, rarely hairless.

Flowers

Many branching clusters, borne from leaf axils, 1/8 in. across, yellow in color, 4 petals but



occasionally 3-5, longer than wide, pointed or blunt at tips, 4 yellow stamens.

Fruits and Seeds

Ovoid, 1-1.5 mm. long.

Habitat

Native to Europe and the Middle East. Can be found in disturbed sites such as fields, meadows, roadsides, and railroads.

Reproduction

By seed and vegetatively via creeping rhizomes.

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