

Myrtle spurge

Euphorbia myrsinites

Description

Plant is toxic if consumed and can cause skin and eye irritation.

Habit

Perennial or biennial herb growing between 6-12 in. tall.

Leaves

Alternate in tight spirals, grey-blue in color, thick, waxy, oval to wedge-shaped, pointed at the tip, 1.6-3.2 cm. long and 0.64-2.5 cm. wide.

Stems

Flowers

Yellow green in color, cupped inside a yellow bract, growing in clusters. Bloom from mid Spring to early Summer.

Fruits and Seeds

Each flower produces a seed pod that is bluish-green in color and contains 3, 0.32 cm





long seeds that are dusty brown in color and resembles a peach pit.

Habitat

Native to southern Europe and central Asia. Can be found in disturbed areas and waste places.

Reproduction

By seed.

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