

## Butter and eggs

### *Linaria vulgaris*

#### Description

Introduced to North America as an ornamental in the mid 1600s.

#### Habit

Perennial, herbaceous, spreading, can reach up to 1 m (3.3 ft) tall.

#### Leaves

Nearly sessile, drooping, linear, 1-2 in (2.5-5 cm) long, sometimes be sparsely covered by long hairs, blue-green in color.

#### Stems

Erect to decumbent stems; 1-2 ft high.

#### Flowers

Yellow to white in color, snapdragon-like flowers, 0.6-1.2 in (1.5-3 cm) long and occur in racemes at the apex of the stems; 15-20 flowers per stem.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Seed are 0.4-0.5 in (9-12 mm) long, each capsule contains small, flat seeds with a papery





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### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Found in fields, pastures, roadsides, undisturbed prairies and rangelands.

### **Reproduction**

By seed. Easily dispersed by wind and water, and stay viable in the soil for up to 8 years.

### **Similar**

Oldfield toadflax (*Nuttallanthus canadensis*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Frequent mowing will weaken the plant; Spray with 2,4-D broadleaf herbicide; 2 European beetles feed on buds, flowers and seed capsules.

### **Credits**

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