

Garden yellow loosestrife

Lysimachia vulgaris

Description

Can be distinguished from relative natives by its red-margined calyx.

Habit

Herbaceous perennial reaching 1 m (3.25 ft) in height, with long rhizomes that can extend 10 m (33 ft).

Leaves

Whorled or opposite, lanceolate with hairs and small glands below, dotted.

Stems

Erect; solitary; simple or branching below; slightly dotted with reddish or blackish spots; densely glandular-hairy; reaches up to 1 m (3.25 ft) in height.

Flowers



Yellow in color, 5 petals, held in a terminal panicle, calyx lobes with red margins, 1/2-1 in wide, smooth; blooms June through September.

Fruits and Seeds

Small capsule.

Habitat

Native to Europe. Grows well in moist soils including wet meadows, fens, floodplain forests, streams and riverbanks, and along the edges of lakes and ponds.

Reproduction

By seed and by spreading rhizomes, seed may be water-dispersed.

Similar

Large yellow loosestrife (*Lysimachia punctata*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling for small infestations.

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