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Yellow Flag Iris

Iris pseudacorus



Quick ID:

- ◆ Perennial, forming dense stands of robust plants.
- ◆ Non-native member of the Iris family (Iridaceae)
- ◆ Best Identifying characteristic (when in bloom) is the very showy yellow iris flowers

Habitat:

- ◆ Grows in water to 25 cm deep, or very near water
- ◆ Is tolerant of drought – “excavated rhizomes continue growing after three months without water” (Sutherland 1990)

How It Got Here:

- ◆ Brought to Canada and the U.S. as an ornamental planting the early 1900s; it was also used as an erosion control plant

Reasons for Concern:

- ◆ Is fast growing and fast spreading invasive plant that can out compete other wetland plants, forms almost impenetrable thickets, similar to the way cat-tails do.
- ◆ Individuals produce from several dozen to several hundred rooted rosettes and flowering shoots connected by durable rhizomes.