

Yellow Iris

Iris pseudacorus



Description: Yellow iris is an aquatic invasive that grows 2-3 feet tall along shorelines in shallow water. Leaves are broad and flat. Flowers are deep yellow with 2 or 3 on each stalk. They bloom May through July. Seeds are contained in capsules that are 2-3 inches long. It can also spread vegetatively through horizontal roots.

Ecological Threat: Yellow iris competes with native shoreline plants. It is still sold commercially for use in gardens although it is a regulated invasive species in Minnesota.

Control Methods: Permits are required to work in public waters!

Mechanical- Digging up the roots can stop vegetative spreading.

Chemical- Glyphosate can be applied directly to the leaves and stems.



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