



Yellow Flag Iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)



Common Name	
General	Family: Iridaceae Introduced from: Europe and North Africa An escaped ornamental Watch List-Eradication Recommended
Common names	Yellow flag iris
Habitat	Found in wetlands, along the edges of water bodies and waterways
PLANT	
Lifecycle	Perennial
Growth form	Semi-aquatic forb
Vegetation	Plant 3-6 ft tall Leaves overlap at the base, 35 in long and 1.25in wide, sword shaped, dark green with a thickened middle. Usually 10 leaves per plant
Roots	Rhizomes ½ to 1 ½ in wide Form dense patches up to 20 ft wide.
Flower	May-July Bright yellow 3 upward curved petals and 3 downward curved sepals with brown to purple streaks Multiple flowers along stem
Seed	Angled seedpods up to 3 in long Up to 120 seeds per pod
Reproduction	Seed and Rhizomes

Similar Species	Garden iris varieties
Impacts	Can crowd out native species and form large monocultures
Habitat and Distribution	General requirements: Wet habitat Distribution: Limited in certain areas throughout Colorado and in Jefferson County Historical: Used as a form of water treatment, capable of heavy metal uptake through the semi-aquatic roots

CONTROL			
BIOLOGICAL	N/A		
CHEMICAL	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Herbicide</i>	<i>Timing</i>
	Actively growing plants	Glyphosate – Aquatic formulations - 5% solution	Late spring to early summer
	Mature plants	Imazapyr – Aquatic formulations – 1% solution plus surfactant	Fall
CULTURAL	Prevention - Promote healthy desirable plant growth Removal - Make sure the entire rhizome is removed. Must be repeated as new plants germinate Bag and dispose of flowerheads after buds are formed		
MECHANICAL	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Timing</i>
Burning	N/A		
Grazing	N/A		
Mowing	N/A		

Use all chemicals according to the manufacturer's label.

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