

STOP THE INVASION



Yellow Flag Iris is sold in garden centres and on the internet for wet soils and garden ponds!

UNWANTED PLANTS

Origin

Native to Europe, British Isles, Western Asia, North Africa and the Mediterranean region. It was introduced to North America as an ornamental plant in the early 1900's.

Status

It has been widely planted in North America, including Manitoba, as a water garden ornamental and has escaped cultivation.

Impacts

Grows quickly and spreads through seeds and horizontal rhizomes. Forms dense thickets in the water similar to cattails and displaces native plants. Infestations can impact the habitat of many wetland species such as amphibians and birds.

Where to Look

It can be found growing in marshes, shorelines, rocky shores, ditches, stream-banks, shallow ponds, and irrigation canals.

LOOK FOR:

- ◇ **EYE-CATCHING PERENNIAL, 4-6 FT TALL, WITH EXTENSIVE ROOT SYSTEM (RHIZOMES).**
- ◇ **LEAVES: LONG, FLATTENED, DARK GREEN AND SWORD-LIKE. USUALLY LONGER THAN THE STEM.**
- ◇ **FLOWERS: YELLOW, 8-10 CM ACROSS, WITH 3 SEPALS CURVING BACKWARD AND 3 SMALLER PETALS POINTING UPWARD.**



Prevent further spread!

Gloves should be used when pulling this plant because it can cause skin irritation. Remove seed pods to help control expansion. Dig up small infestations and remove entire rhizome system. Use chopping machines for larger infestations. Burn where conditions allow.

Report a Sighting:



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