

## Yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)



### Description:

**Appearance:** Perennial aquatic herbaceous plant, grows 2 - 3' tall along shores in shallow water.

**Leaves:** Broad, flat, sword-shaped, stalkless, leaves embracing flower stalk.

**Flowers:** Deep yellow, 2 or 3 on one stalk, flower stalk round, shorter than outer leaves, three outer drooping sepals, with brownish mottled markings, surrounding the true flower; blooms May through July.

**Seeds:** Capsule containing numerous smooth, flattened seeds.

**Roots:** Reproduces vegetatively through horizontal stems growing below the soil surface, called rhizomes, forming roots and producing new plants.

### Ecological Threat:

It competes with native shoreland vegetation.

It is a Eurasian plant that is still sold commercially for use in garden pools.

Yellow iris is proposed to become a regulated exotic species in Minnesota.