

Yellow Flag Iris

Category 2: Eradicate

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and eradication.

Iris pseudacorus

Family: Iridaceae (Iris).

Other Common Names: Yellow flag iris.

Origin: Europe.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Perennial. Seeds and vegetatively from rhizomes.

Identification: The only “wet-footed” yellow iris (i.e. grows in ponds, ditches, wetlands and other riparian areas). Several flowers can occur on each stem, along with one or two bracts. Each flower resembles common garden iris with three large (downward facing) sepals and three smaller upward pointing petals. Leaves are mostly basal and folded and clasp the stem like a fan.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: FRPA, CCA.

Habitat: Low- to mid-elevation grassland and forest. Moist ditches, wetlands, meadows and stream banks.

Status and Distribution: Limited distribution. Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, Kootenay Lake, Nancy Greene Lake, Erie Lake, Meldeanna Lake, Arrow Lake. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

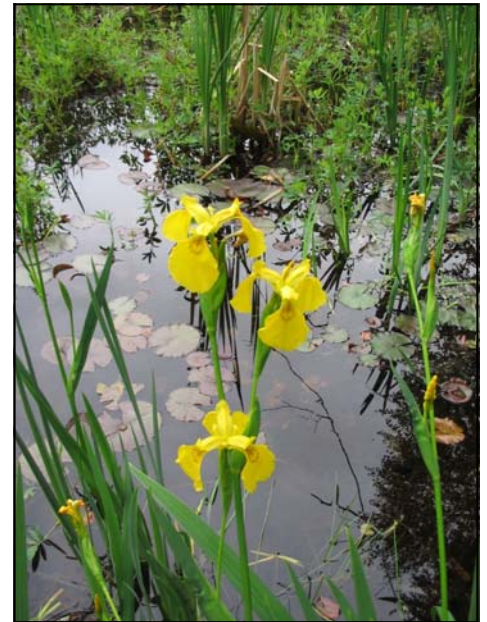
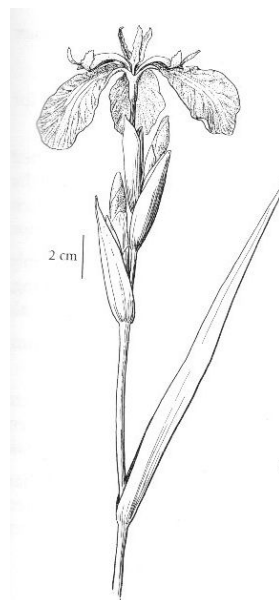
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: IDFun, ICHdw1, ICHmw2, ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Eradicate where possible and if not, contain existing populations to limit spread
- Public awareness, prevention, and immediate eradication of new introductions
- Report any new infestations

For More Information:

- http://www.evergreen.ca/en/cg/pdf/invasive/yellow%20flag_factSheet.pdf
- <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/LANDS/Weeds/pdf/yellow-flag-iris-control.pdf>



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Identification Notes: Typical yellow iris flower. Found “wet-footed” (growing in ponds, lakes, ditches, wetlands).

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Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee

Infestations of Yellow Flag Iris in the Central Kootenay

