

Iris pseudacorus
Yellow Flag Iris

Iridaceae, the iris family
Category: CONTAINMENT



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Aquatic perennial; grows in tight bunches up to 4 feet tall
- Leaves are stiff, erect, broad, sword-shaped, and flattened
- Flowers sit on 3-4 foot stalks; large, showy, and yellow
- Cylindrical fruit capsules contain approx. 120 seeds
- Roots can grow from 5-15 inches long with thick, pink-fleshed rhizomes

Background

- Native to the Mediterranean; introduced as an ornamental
- Inhabits the edges of rivers, lakes, ponds, canals; can spread downstream 100 yards per year
- Reproduces by seeds and rhizomes; seeds have increased germination after fire; rhizomes can survive in heavy drought conditions
- Displaces native vegetation and disrupts recreational activities

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