

# A Friendly Notice about Invasive Plants

It appears your property may contain  
**Yellow Iris**



**Invasive plants** are aggressive non-native species that reproduce rapidly, outcompete native species, and can negatively impact agriculture, industry, recreation, forestry, human health, and the environment. Invasive plants may be introduced unintentionally, as hitchhikers on clothing, gear, or equipment, or unknowingly, often for ornamental purposes.

This notice is part of the early detection, response, and monitoring plan for the **Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program** whose mission is to protect the region from the negative impacts of invasive species.

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YELLOW IRIS (*Iris pseudacorus*)

Origin: Europe, Asia, and Africa

THE PROBLEM: While yellow iris is a beautiful plant in appearance, it has detrimental impacts on our local lands and waters. It outcompetes many native plants, displaces other desirable ornamentals, and can easily escape from gardens. It invades freshwater wetlands, pushing out cattails, sedges and rushes and degrading native fish habitat and bird nesting and rearing sites. Dense infestations also disrupt water flow.

HOW TO IDENTIFY: Yellow iris can grow between 3-4 feet tall. It has long, sword-like leaves and yellow, showy flowers that bloom from late May to mid June.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Use caution with this plant, as it can cause skin irritation. Clip and bag flower heads prior to seed development and pull or dig out plants, removing all of the roots. Plants in standing water can be cut below the waterline. Put all plant pieces in plastic bags and take them to a sanitary landfill. Do not compost, as seeds survive and spread, and the plants decompose slowly. Herbicide is also effective – carefully follow regulations. A native alternative you can plant is blue flag iris.

Observer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date species was observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your help in the fight against  
invasive species!