

**Plant:** Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)

**Identification:** Yellow flag iris is a semi-aquatic perennial that can grow up to 4 feet tall, with stout rhizomes roots that can reach 1.5 inches in diameter. It has green flat basal leaves that are erect and about 3-4 feet long. The flowers are large and yellow with 3 sepals on stalks up to 4 feet high with several flowers per stalk. Yellow flag iris can produce many seeds that can float from the parent plant, or plants can spread via rhizome fragments. It can be found in wetlands, edges of ponds, irrigation ditches, along rivers, and in slow moving shallow streams.

**Defense:** Mechanical control is possible with small infestations, but typically not recommended because you have to get the entire root and rhizomes removed so you do not create new plants. Chemical applications work well with special aquatic formulated herbicides. Due to its habitat and general location near water, please contact your County Weed Superintendent for a management plan.

**Always read and understand the label and restrictions of any pesticide you are using.  
The label IS the law.**

