

Cinquefoil, Sulphur  
*Potentilla recta*  
Rosaceae (Rose family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Life cycle:** Annual, Biennial or Perennial.
- **Root:** Fibrous spreading roots.
- **Leaves:** Palmately compound with 5-7 toothed leaflets; relatively few basal leaves. Most leaves grow along upright stem. Leaves stalked; leaf stalk length and size decreasing toward apex.
- **Stems:** One to several erect stems 30-60cm tall, may be branched with terminal, multi-flower inflorescence. Stems have hairs perpendicular to stem and leafstalks.
- **Flower:** Five light yellow petals with deeply notched tips and a yellow center.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Comma-shaped, brownish purple, covered with net-like ridges.

Note: These characteristics distinguish sulphur cinquefoil from native cinquefoils. Sulphur Cinquefoil leaves are green, not silvery, on the underside; its seeds are ridged while others usually are not; it has comparatively more stem leaves and fewer basal leaves than other *Potentilla* species, and its hairs are at right angles to the stem while others are usually oppressed.

<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/Downloads/FS-SulfurCinquefoil.pdf>