

Mullein, Common

Verbascum thapsus

Scrophulariaceae (Figwort/Snapdragon Family)

Category:

Noxious



<http://www.greenspiritualherbs.com/images/10%20july%20mullein%20flower.jpg>

- **Information:** Introduced from Europe as a medicinal plant. Also known as Candlestick, Velvet Dock. Is a weed of disturbed areas.
- **Life Cycle:** Biennial, rosette in the first year of growth, flowers in the second.
- **Root:** Deep taproot.
- **Leaves:** Large leaves, very woolly, oppositely arranged on the stem, larger leaves at the base of the plant, smaller towards the top.
- **Stems:** Up to 2.5 m tall, woolly.
- **Flower:** Dense spike, yellow flowers, 5 petals.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Each plant can produce over 180,000 - 300,000 small seeds, capsule, hairy, long term viability (100 years).
- **Toxicity:** Has been used as a piscicide (control of fish)
- **Control:** Hand pick, chemical.