

St John's-wort, Common  
*Hypericum perforatum*  
Clusiaceae

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Life cycle:** Perennial.
- **Root:** Taproot and lateral roots.
- **Leaves:** Oval-shaped leaves up to 2.5cm long, opposite, lack stalks and teeth, are darker green above, and have in-rolled edges and tiny transparent dots on the surface.
- **Stems:** 30-90cm tall, reddish with black glands, erect, with two opposite longitudinal ridges; may branch many times near the top.
- **Flower:** Numerous five-petaled yellow flowers form flat-topped clusters on terminal branches. Flowers are up to 2.5cm in diameter and bloom from the center out. Black glands along the petal margins.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Rust colored seeds pods are 5mm long and contain numerous seeds in three-pointed capsules.
- **Toxic:** Horses, cattle, sheep.