



Caltha palustris

Common Name(s):

marsh marigold, king cup

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Naturalised exotic. Currently known from scattered sites in the Waikato, Wellington and Canterbury regions

Habitat:

An uncommon weed of lowland ponds, slow flowing streams and muddy ground. Commonly cultivated, whereby it sometimes spreads from gardens into nearby waterways

Features*:

Stout, perennial herb. Stems leafy, permanently erect, or sprawling with age and producing roots and shoots at nodes. Basal leaves: lamina 5-125 × 10-190 mm, yellow-green to green (often flushed with red), rounded to ovate, reniform, or cordate, margins entire or crenate to dentate. Inflorescences 1-7-flowered. Flowers 10-45 mm diameter; sepals yellow or orange, 6-25 mm. Follicles 5-25, spreading, sessile, ellipsoid; bodies 8.0-15.0 × 3.0-4.5 mm; style and stigma straight or curved, 0.5-2.0 mm. Seeds elliptic, 1.5-2.5 mm.

Flowering:

Throughout the year

Fruiting:

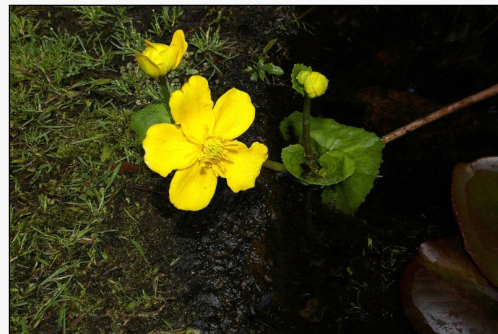
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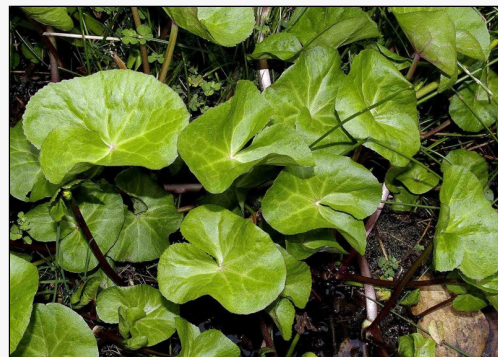
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Caption: *Caltha palustris*, in cultivation

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