

Lesser Celandine

Ficaria verna

Lesser celandine is a nonnative plant sometimes planted for its beautiful flowers and consistent groundcover. Unless tended with attentive care, this plant can be harmful in community gardens.

Identification

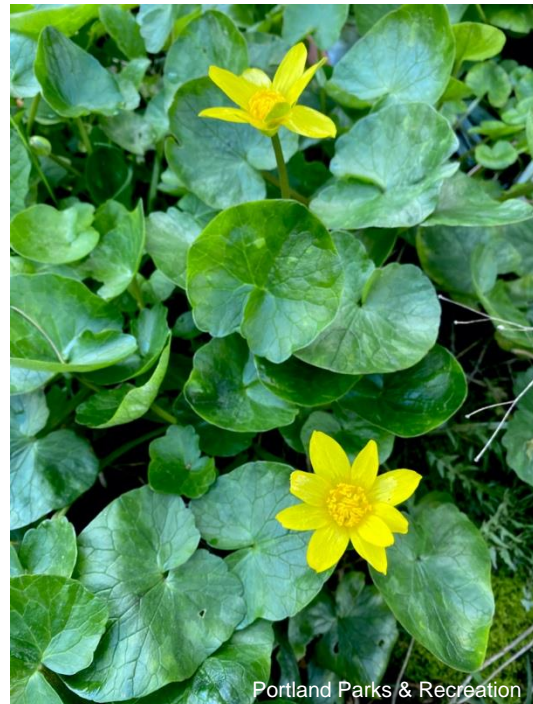
- Dark green, heart-shaped, glossy leaves
- Yellow flowers bloom in late winter or early spring
- Tuberos roots help the plant spread

Potential impacts

- Outcompetes crops and native plants by emerging early and growing in thick mats
- Very difficult to remove once established

Removal

- Best removed in late winter just before it flowers
- Dig out roots, **carefully removing root fragments and tubers** from soil
- Put all plant matter in a sealed bag in trash bins instead of compost to prevent spread
- Clean tools after removal
- Sheet mulching with thick layers (6+ inches) of mulch is also possible



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