



# YELLOW TOADFLAX

(*Linaria vulgaris*)

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?** It is a short-lived perennial that can grow up to 3 feet tall. The leaves are pale green, narrow, pointed at both ends, and grow to 2½ inches long or longer. The showy snapdragon-like flowers are about 1 inch long, yellow with an orange throat. They are often sold through catalogs and in nurseries as “wild snapdragon” or the “butter and eggs” plant.

**WHERE DOES IT GROW?** This escaped ornamental plant prefers to grow along roadsides, in abandoned lots and fields, gravel pits, and overgrazed pastures.

**WHEN DOES IT BLOOM?** Blooming usually begins in June and continues through August.

**HOW DOES IT SPREAD?** Yellow toadflax spreads by creeping roots and by seed.

## HOW DO I CONTROL IT?

### Non-Chemical Methods:

- Regular cutting, digging and pulling can weaken infestations but must be repeated every 10 to 14 days to be effective.
- Mowing is not recommended as it stimulates more plants to grow from the roots.
- The use of fertilizer in infected areas will encourage grasses to grow stronger and crowd out weeds.



**Chemical Methods:** Several chemicals can be effective. Check with your Noxious Weed Control Office for more specific details.

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