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Yellow Clematis- *Clematis tangutica*

Designation - Noxious

Yellow clematis is a vining perennial from the buttercup family and is native to high mountain areas in China and India. Adaptable and hardy, it thrives in full sun, but will tolerate drought conditions, part sun and nutrient-poor soils. It can be found in grassy to gravel areas.

It has a long tap root and has many stems per plant that can reach up to 3-4 m long. Its green, compound Leaves have 5-7 lance shaped leaflets, that can be lobed. The bell-shaped lemon-yellow flowers have 4 petals that gradually flatten. Later in the summer, the flowers appear to have silky hair on the outside and can sometimes have a purplish-brown tinge.



Clematis occidentalis, blue Virgin's Bower, is a native species to Alberta.



Yellow clematis is spread through seeds caught in the wind and vegetatively from stem pieces. Small populations can be hand pulled prior to seeds set as an effective control measure.

