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Yellow skunk cabbage

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Species description

Scientific name:

Lysichiton americanus

Other names:

American skunk cabbage

Native to:

Western North America

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Interesting facts

Impacts:

Forms dense stands and can outcompete native species particularly in swampy woodlands. It is very hard to remove.



Wet woodland, ponds and streams, muddy pond margins, swamps and marshes.

A robust herbaceous perennial that likes wet sites.

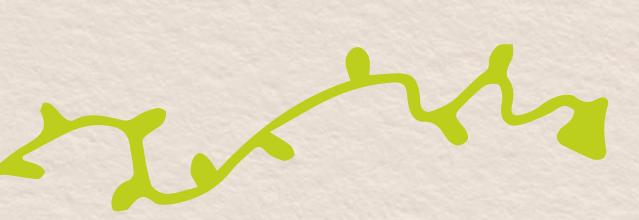
Yellow skunk cabbage was introduced to Britain in 1901 and was known in the wild by 1947.

How it spreads:

Dispersed downstream by water but also by birds and mammals.











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Legislation

Yellow skunk cabbage is listed in The retained EU Regulation 1143/2014 and is prohibited from sale as a Species of Special Concern.

Gardeners possessing this plant should undertake measures to help stop the spread from their gardens into the wild.

Similar species:

Not to be confused with native lords-and-ladies (Arum maculatum)



Alternative plant ideas

Native

Lords-and-ladies (Arum maculatum)

Water avens (Geum rivale)

Non-native

Plantain lily 'Sum and Substance' (Hosta 'Sum and Substance')

Astilbe 'Fanal' (Astilbe 'Fanal')



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