

Hypericum densiflorum



bushy St. Johnswort

Family	Clusiaceae		
Origin	Native		
WIS Code	FACW	CoC	6

DESCRIPTION

Medium bushy shrub (to 2 m tall) with reddish-brown bark on many slender stiff branches, particularly in upper part of the plant. Leaves are narrow, linear (2 to 5 cm long; 3 to 7 mm wide) with smaller ones sometimes clustered in leaf axils (where leaf meets stem).

FLOWERS AND FRUITS

July through September. The many yellow flowers (seven or more) are clustered in branched heads arising from upper stem axils. Each flower has five petals (5 to 10 mm across) with five oblong to rounded firm sepals. Fruits are capsules (1.5 to 3 mm wide) containing many (1 to 1.3 mm) black seeds.

HABITAT

Acid soils in mid to high elevation swamps, seeps, bogs, stream banks and rocky stream bars.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Hypericum prolificum, shrubby St. Johnswort, with similar brushy branched habit, has fewer flowers (three to seven), leaf blades that are wider, (mostly 7 to 15 mm wide) and wider capsules (3 to 5 mm wide).



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