

Common Tansy

Tanacetum vulgare

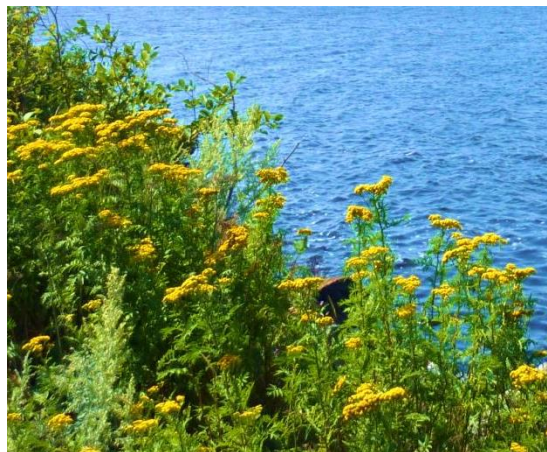
VERY INVASIVE – established in the Arrowhead

Invasive habitat: sunny, well-drained soils such as along roadsides, in ditches and vacant lots, fields and meadows, and disturbed sites.

Native range: Europe and Asia



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IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: 2-5' tall perennial. Has a strong fragrance when crushed, and a very persistent root system. Older stems appear woody.



Flowers: bright yellow 'buttons' found in clusters, blooms from July-Oct. Each 'button' consists of many small florets.



Leaves: 2-12" long, alternate, pinnately divided, and toothed.



Seeds: spreads by seeds and rhizomes. Seeds are yellowish-brown and 5-toothed crowned.

CONTROL



Manual: tilling and pulling often leave root segments that will resprout. *Can be a skin irritant.*



Chemical: metsulfuron-methyl, imazapyr, glyphosate or 2,4-D provide good control when applied in spring or to new growth.



Prescribed fire: can remove dead material following chemical treatment. Otherwise may make infestation worse.



Biological: testing underway.



Mechanical: mowing can be effective if be done prior to flower formation.



Cultural: restore or reforest sites to provide native competition or shading.