

Tall buttercup

Ranunculus acris

SOMEWHAT INVASIVE – established in the region

Invasive habitat: grows in partial shade to full sun along forest edges and in roadsides and moist fields.

Native range: Europe



Common in the Arrowhead, especially along roads



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IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: herbaceous perennial that grows 10-40" tall and has slender, branching, and slightly hairy stems.



Flowers: bright yellow flowers are ½ to 1" across with 5 shiny petals. Blooms May-October.



Leaves: lower leaves are deeply divided and hairy, and upper leaves are small and vary in shape. Leaves are 4-6" across.



Seeds: primary reproduction is via seeds.

CONTROL



Manual: digging will provide control, but rhizomes left in the soil will regenerate.



Chemical: herbicides such as Milestone and Clarity can be effective when applied multiple times.



Prescribed fire: burning may be difficult because it prefers wetter areas.



Cultural: since this plant prefers moist soils, improving drainage of an area will control it.



Mechanical: mowing will reduce flowering and allow native plants to be better competitors.