

Lysimachia vulgaris,

Yellow Garden Loosestrife

This appears to be a less-common version of Purple Loosestrife (though not related) and grows most often in wetland habitats. It most often spreads via rhizomes beneath the soil but also by seed. This plant most likely was introduced via the landscaping industry and has a continued use in the field.

Population Status: Confirmed- Saratoga Co. Unconfirmed- Albany Co.

Description: Growing up to one meter tall, this species has opposite or whorled leaves. The leaves are lanceolate to ovate in shape. The stems have a soft pubescence to them. The leaf edges are entire and leaf shape is simple.

Control: Manual control is not very feasible due to the rhizome this plant possesses.

Look-alikes: Purple Loosestrife (Invasive, Tier 4) looks somewhat like Yellow Garden Loosestrife, though the common names suggest the difference that can be found in flower color. It looks extremely similar to Large Yellow Loosestrife though it has smaller flowers.

Flower Time and Description: The flowers grow in an inflorescence of yellow, five-petaled flowers that come out in June-September.

