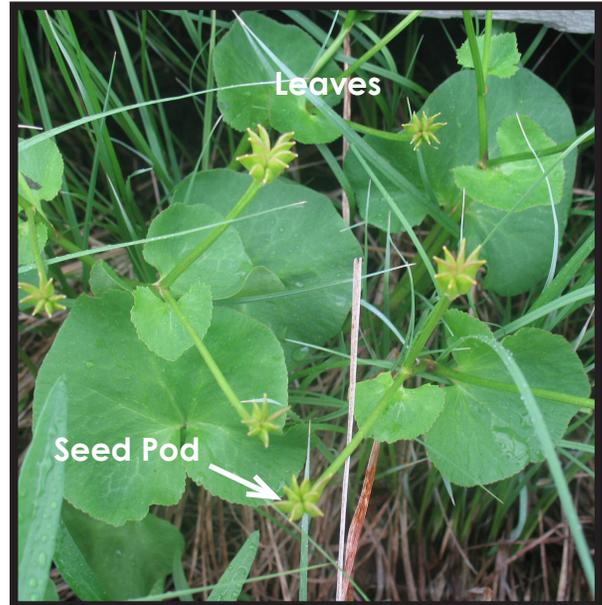


# Marsh Marigold

*Caltha palustris*

Minnesota C-Value: 6  
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL  
Native



**Leaves:** Heart or kidney shaped leaves with round, toothed, or smooth edges. Usually with 2 lobes at the base. Basal leaves have long stalks. Upper leaves alternate, with shorter stalks. Leaves are 3 - 20 cm in diameter.

**Stems:** 1-2 ft long hollow stems.

**Flowers and fruit:** 2 - 4 cm wide flowers are golden yellow. 5-9 petal-like sepals and 4 or more pistils surrounded by stamens. Flowers are single at the ends of stalks. Blooms April through May. Fruit is a 1-1.5 cm long follicle with a pronounced beak.

**Plant communities:** Wet meadows, wooded swamps, marshes, and along stream banks.

**Comments:** Marsh Marigold is one of the first wildflowers that bloom in the springtime. Also called "Cowslip"