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MARSH MARIGOLD

Caltha palustris

Beautiful, lush, and low-growing, a wonderful addition to areas with richer soils and consistent moisture. Its brilliant yellow flowers provide a lovely burst of color and food for early spring pollinators.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Early blooms for early pollinators
- The nectar is a favorite of hoverflies, cuckoo bees, and ants
- The yellow flowers appear purple to bees!

Benefits for People

- Great groundcover choice for areas of the garden that are frequently flooded
- Harbinger of spring
- When pickled, makes a good substitute for capers
- Native Americans used medicinally to induce vomiting and defend against love charms

Growing Information

- Sunlight* Full to part sun
Soil Type High organic material, moist to standing water, acidic
Height 1-2'
Width 1-2'
Flowering calendar May to June

Natural Habitat

- Wetlands, bogs, riparian edge

