



Whatcom Weeds

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YELLOW ARCHANGEL

Lamium galeobdolon

THREAT: Yellow archangel is a native to Europe, introduced as a garden ornamental and groundcover. It has silver variegated foliage and yellow flowers. It can be very invasive, spreading both by seed and by runners, and is often found growing into natural areas and parks from illegal yard waste dumping. It will grow in most soil types, soil pH and in dry to moist soil. ***It is now legally prohibited to buy, sell or transport yellow archangel in Washington State (WAC 16-752).***



DESCRIPTION: Yellow archangel is a trailing herbaceous perennial and member of the mint family. It grows up to two feet tall and the leaves remain green throughout the winter. The heart-shaped to ovate leaves are green with silver variegation and have doubly toothed margins. Yellow archangel spreads by stolons, above ground runners that root at the nodes. It has yellow flowers, blooming in late spring or early summer. The flowers are hooded, double-lipped and occur in whorls of 5 to 15. Yellow archangel prefers shade but will tolerate sun. It prefers well-drained soil and is a popular feature plant in hanging baskets.



MANAGEMENT OPTIONS: Yellow archangel can be controlled using mechanical and chemical means. Small infestations can be dug by hand. Sheet mulching may be effective in some areas. The spread of the plant can be somewhat controlled by mowing or trimming the encroaching plants, but *do not* compost or dispose of trimmings or the contents of a hanging basket in a natural area, roadsides, or in parks. Contact the Weed Control Board for chemical recommendations or visit the Board's website at <http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/930/Noxious-Weed-Fact-Sheets> for the publication: "Control Options for Yellow Archangel"



Yellow archangel spreads into a natural area from a yard waste dumping spot in Whatcom County