

NOT-WANTED!

COMMON TANSY

Tanacetum vulgare

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!



Spring rosettes



Summer Leaf



Young flower close up



Older flowers

Common tansy is a perennial brought to North America from Eurasia. Introduced for medicinal and horticultural purposes, it is now spreading into wild areas in the Upper Midwest and Canada. Tansy escapes cultivation and invades open, disturbed habitats, roadsides, grasslands and waterways. Thousands of seeds are spread by mowing after blooming begins. Seeds are also transported to new areas from gravel pits.

Tansy grows **3 to 6 feet tall**, has smooth or slightly hairy stems which may be purplish-red near the bases. Alternate **leaves** are bi-pinnately compound, irregularly lobed, fernlike, and strongly aromatic when crushed. **Blooms** from July to October. **Flowers** are yellow, up to 0.5" wide, in button-like clusters. Tops of flowers become rounded and turn a dirty-yellow color, then brown with age. One plant may produce up to 50,000 seeds.

Tansy is listed as a prohibited/control species on the Minnesota Noxious Weed List. Control is required by Minnesota Statutes, in order to reduce established populations and prevent further spread. ***It is illegal to propagate, sell or transport this plant.***

Control Methods: pull or dig up rhizomes in early spring prior to flowering. Cut off flowering heads before flower buds open; bag and dispose. Do not mow after flowering begins. **Toxic!** Wear gloves when handling!

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