



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

St. Johnswort *Hypericum perforatum*



The adult flower

St. Johnswort is a creeping rooted perennial that spreads by short runners or seeds. When the root is viewed, it has small pink buds. St. Johnswort has bright yellow flowers that have five petals and are generally ½”- ¾” in diameter. These flowers often have over a dozen stamens. The leaves of this plant are very distinct in that they are covered with small glands and when held up to a light source appear to be covered in pin holes. The glands produce photoactive oil that covers the leaf surface. When browsed it can cause rashes or blisters in fair pigmented animals and may negatively impact behavior.



An immature plant

St. Johnswort has been called Klamath or Tipton weed, so named because of the dense infestations this plant has previously formed in the Pacific Northwest. It was introduced to the continental United States in the early 1700’s for its medicinal value and has since shown the ability to negatively impact native plant communities.

In Teton County, St. Johnswort occurs in limited infestations and is being actively controlled in nearly all situations. It typically invades gravelly well drained soils and slopes with moderate amounts of sunlight.

If this plant is found in Teton County, please contact us at (307)-733-8419 for management options.



Leaf held up to a light source, note the 'pin holes'



Infestations often become dense and out compete the native plant community