



TETON COUNTY WEED AND PEST DISTRICT

Sulfur Cinquefoil *Potentilla recta*



Sulfur Cinquefoil is a simple perennial that spreads by three mechanisms; above ground stolons, underground shoots, and by seeds. It has a pale yellow flower with 5 petals and a dark yellow center. The leaves are palmately compound and the stems have long hairs that stand perpendicular to the stem. The plant typically grows from 18-24 inches in height. Additionally, each compound leaf has 5-7 toothed leaflets.

Sulfur cinquefoil can be distinguished from the native *Potentilla* species in a couple of ways. First, the undersides of the leaf on most native species are hairy and appear silvery. The leaves on the sulfur cinquefoil are green in appearance. Furthermore, none of the native cinquefoils spread using stolons.

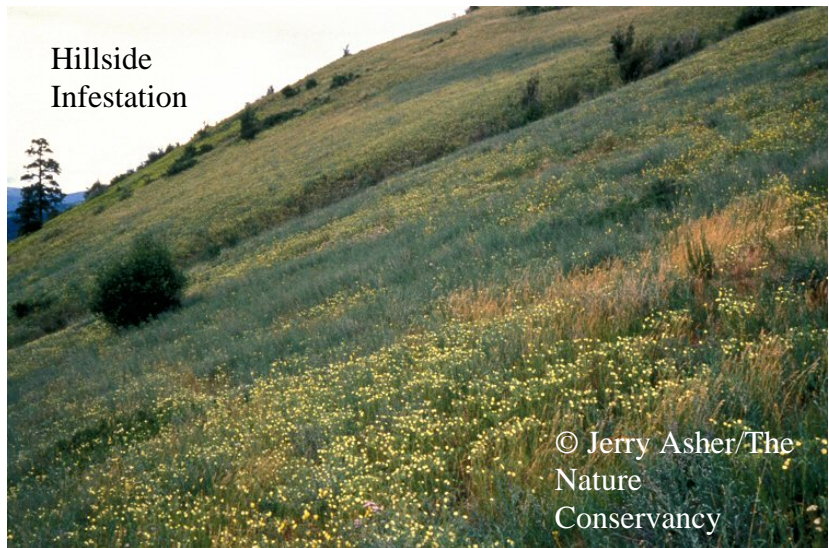


Sulfur cinquefoil has the potential to spread from disturbed and undisturbed soils. It has shown itself to be extremely aggressive in Teton County often creating dense monocultures where it becomes established. **For help identifying or controlling this weed please contact Teton County Weed and Pest District 733-8419.**

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