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MARSH MARIGOLD
Caltha palustris

Located in swamps, wet meadows and wet woods throughout the Division. Also known as Cowslip, King-cup, May-blob, Soldiers-buttons, Water-goggles and others.

A perennial herb with hollow, erect or sprawling, branching stems; becoming 15 to 80 cm long. Leaves roundish, heart- or kidney-shaped; 5 to 18 cm wide; margins toothed or toothless; lower leaves on long stalks, upper stalkless or short-stalked. Flowers bright yellow, with 5 oval or egg shaped petal-like sepals; 2.5 to 4 cm broad; blooming from early April to June.

The stems are eaten by upland game birds and the plants are eaten by moose.