



# Swamp Candles

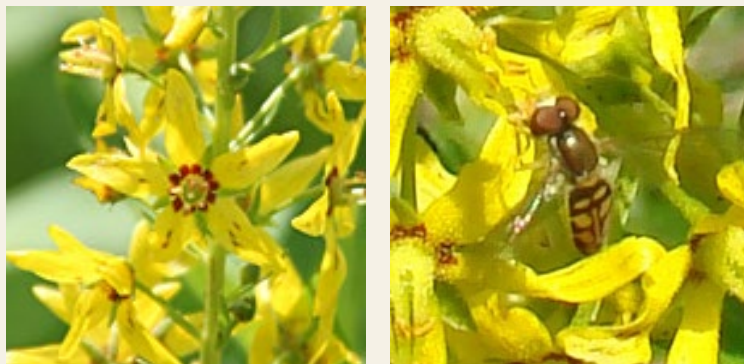
**Alternate Names:** Yellow loosestrife, Earth loosestrife

***Lysimachia terrestris***

## Unique Characteristics

This showy perennial blooms vivid yellow in mid-summer, adding color to rain gardens and wet areas. Its sturdy stems make it an excellent cutting flower. Native pollinators, like the syrphid flower fly, are attracted to the flower's nectar.

<b>Plant Type:</b>	Herbaceous perennial
<b>Native Range:</b>	Eastern United States
<b>Sun:</b>	Full or part sun
<b>Water:</b>	Almost always occurs in wetlands
<b>Soil:</b>	Wet
<b>Height:</b>	1 to 3 feet
<b>Spread:</b>	Rhizomatous
<b>Wildlife:</b>	Provides special value to native bees
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b>	3 to 8
<b>Bloom Time:</b>	June to August
<b>Bloom Color:</b>	Small, yellow, star-shaped flowers with five yellow petals. Each petal has two red dots at its base forming a circle of red dots in the center of the flower.
<b>Uses:</b>	Massing in a wetland garden or sunny damp areas that never dry out, cut flowers, sustain native pollinators in mid-summer.



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