

# Plant "Imagination"



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*Caltha palustris* is a perennial herbaceous plant of the family Ranunculaceae, native to marshes, fens, ditches and wet woodland in temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

It becomes most luxuriant in partial shade, but is rare on peat. Height is up to 31 in tall. The leaves are rounded to kidney-shaped, across, with a bluntly serrated margin and a thick, waxy texture. Stems are hollow. The flowers are yellow, (1–2 in) diameter, with 4-9 (mostly 5) petal-like sepals and many yellow stamens; they appear in early spring to late summer. The flowers are visited by a great variety of insects for pollen and for the nectar secreted from small depressions, one on each side of each carpel. Carpels form into green sac-like follicles to 1 cm long, each opening to release several seeds.

It grows wild in our wetland behind our house.