

Yellow Clematis (*Clematis tangutica*)

Description

Yellow Clematis is a perennial vine. Producing several stems per plant that can grow up to 4 m in length. Young stems are pliable while the older stems can become very woody. Leaves are green and compound with 5-7 lance-shaped leaflets 5-6 cm long, which may be lobed. Leaf tips are pointed and leaf edges are coarsely toothed. Leaves may be slightly hairy on the underside and are deciduous. Flowers are lemon-yellow, nodding, with four petals. Flowers are bell-shaped at first and then split as the petals spread. Petals may be silky-hairy on the outside and occasionally tinged purplish-brown. Flowers are borne at the ends of stems or in leaf axils, usually solitary but sometimes 2 or 3 together, on a short (0.5-3 cm) flower stem. Seeds are oval to 4.5 mm long, with silky tails about 5 cm long.

Key Identifiers

- ✓ Lemon yellow flowers
- ✓ Usually 5 leaflets
- ✓ “Puffball” infestations

Location in Canada

Yellow Clematis has escaped garden plantings from BC to Manitoba, inclusive.

Resources

<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/Downloads/FS-YellowClematis.pdf>

Similar species

Purple Clematis (*Clematis occidentalis*) flowers are blue/purple, solitary and leaves only have 3 leaflets.

Western (*Clematis ligusticifolia*) flowers are white, born in clusters and leaves have 5-7 leaflets.

