

WEED OF THE WEEK

HYPERICUM BOREALE



Northern St. Johnswort

Photos from Weeds of the Cranberry Marsh.

life cycle / growth habit:
perennial herb to 1 ft. tall



young plants

root:
tufts of slender, white roots from the nodes of the creeping stems



flower

stem:
stems creeping, whitish to often bright red, sometimes much branched

leaf:
opposite, oval, untoothed, to 1/2 in. long, with 3–5 red veins from the base

flower:
flowers small and inconspicuous, yellow-orange, with 5 petals; blooms July–September



flowering plants

fruit/seed:
pointed red pod, 1/4 in. long, enclosed by the green sepals, seeds several, tiny

habitat:
wet mud or sand on shores, in bogs, or growing in shallow water