

HYPERICUM DENTICULATUM Walt.
Coppery St. John's-wort

FAMILY: Clusiaceae

HABIT: Perennial herb to 5 dm.; flowering June-September; fruiting July-September.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Hypericum denticulatum* occasionally can be distinguished from other herbaceous members of the genus in Ohio by its 4-angled stem. However, fruit or flower characters are required for positive identification.

TOTAL RANGE: MD, WV, s. OH, s. IN, and s. IL, s. to LA and n. FL.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Jackson County. There is a pre-1980 record from Ashland County.

HABITAT: Usually wet, shaded to open situations: low woods, bogs, and marshes.

HAZARDS: Unknown, but possibly drainage or other alteration of the wetland habitat.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, probably poor.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature flowering or fruiting material is necessary for identification.

COMMENTS: In Ohio, this species is at the northern edge of its range. Its occurrence in the widely divergent localities of Ashland and Jackson counties suggests that it may be more frequent than records indicate. It should be sought throughout Ohio, especially in the southern half of the state.

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