

HYPERICUM ELLIPTICUM Hook.
Few-flowered St. John's-wort

FAMILY: Clusiaceae

HABIT: Herbaceous, rhizomatous perennial, somewhat woody at base, 15-35 cm;
flowers June-Aug., fruits July-Oct.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species can be distinguished from other members of the genus
by the following combination of characters: long styles separating slightly in fruit;
deep-maroon capsules; elliptic leaves.

TOTAL RANGE: Nfdl. and N.S. to w. Ont., s. to NY, MI, MN, and s. in the mountains to
WV and NC.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Ashtabula and Lake counties.

HABITAT: Swamps, lake margins, beaver ponds, meadows and bogs.

HAZARDS: Overgrowth by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete specimens with fruits.

COMMENTS: A submersed, sterile form with feather-veined leaves has been observed
(Utech and Iltis 1970).

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