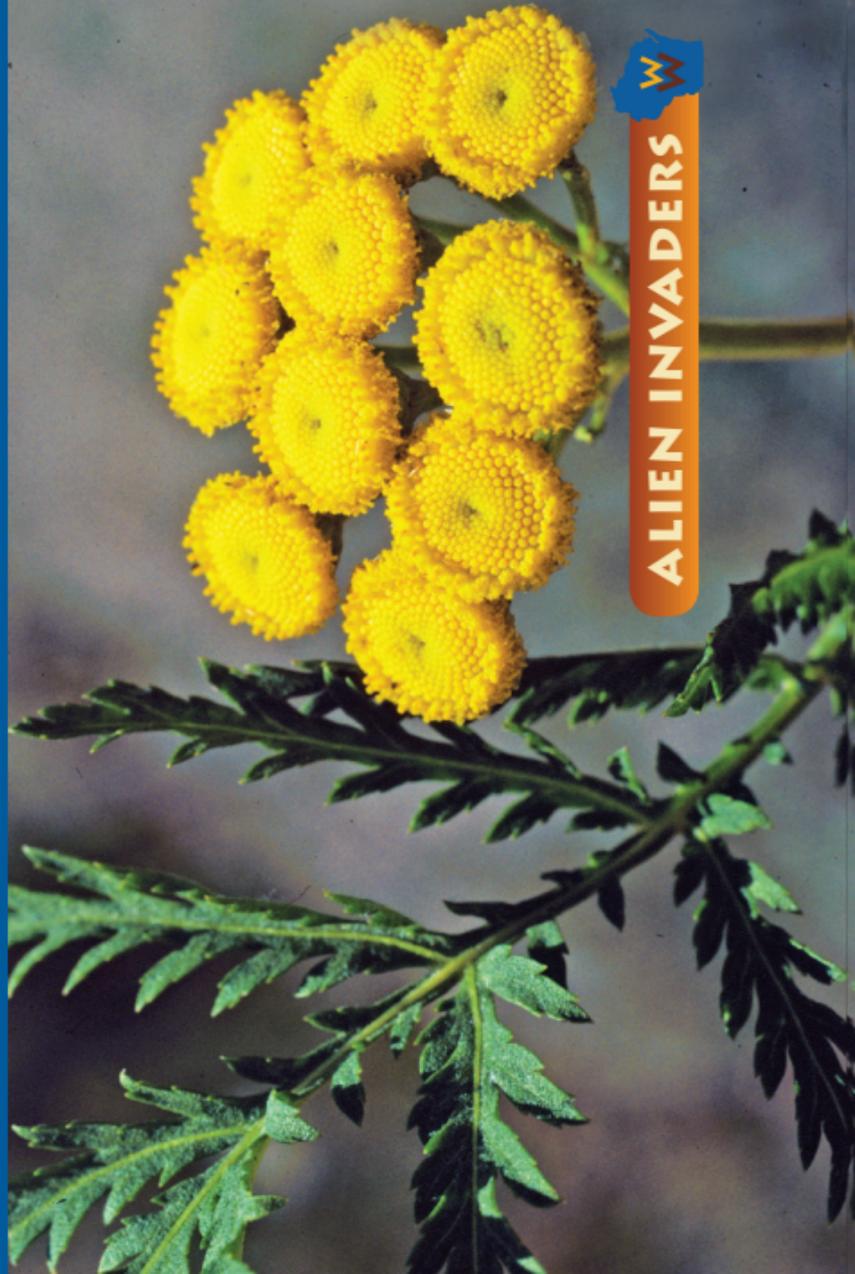


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Tanacetum vulgare

BASIC ID

This perennial herbaceous plant reaches 3' tall, with alternate, compound fern-like leaves. Bright yellow flowers on a flat-topped cluster of button-like heads bloom July–October. It spreads vegetatively from thick woody rhizomes and can form new plants from root fragments. The leaves and flowers are strongly aromatic when crushed.

FACTS

Native to Eurasia, it was brought to North America in the early 1600's for medicinal uses. It was widely cultivated in the gardens of early European settlers. It invades sunny areas such as forest edges, roadsides, fields, pastures, disturbed areas, waterways and riparian areas. It spreads rapidly, growing in thick clumps, crowding out grasses, forbs, and shrubs resulting in reduced native species and wildlife habitat.

MANAGEMENT

- Hand pull or dig.
- Mow to prevent seed development.
- Apply herbicide (foliar).

**CAUTION: WEAR GLOVES
THIS PLANT IRRITATES SKIN.**

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