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## Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)

Among the earliest wildflower to bloom in the spring, Marsh Marigold can be found growing in wetlands and shoreline areas along waterways. Commonly called Cowslip, King Cup, or Marsh Cup, it is not a Marigold but a member of the Buttercup family. Marsh Marigold ranges across much of Canada and the northern United States.



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### Plant Type:

Clump forming and mounding herbaceous perennial.



### Light Conditions:

Marsh Marigold thrives in full sun or light shade.



### Soil and Moisture:

Grows best in moist, wetland conditions. It is adaptable to a range of soil types, but plants will languish in dry conditions.



### Size/Height:

Plant forms a mound of foliage from 30-60 cm (1-2 ft) in height and width.



### Flowers/Fruit:

Clusters of yellow-gold, showy flowers that are 1-3cm (0.5-1.5 in) wide in early spring and held above the foliage.



### Wildlife Benefits:

Early plant for pollinators and its dense foliage provides safe places for frogs.



### Cautions:

Like many plants in the buttercup plant family, the leaves contain chemical that are toxic to humans, pets, and livestock if eaten.