

- **Life cycle:** Perennial
- **Root:** Brownish rhizomes with pink buds
- **Leaves:** Alternate, narrow, 1 to 4 inches long. Stems and leaves contain a milky sap.
- **Stems:** Up to 3 feet tall.
- **Flower:** 7 to 10 yellowish-green flowers in small clusters. The inconspicuous flower is surrounded by showy, heart-shaped yellow bracts.
- **Seed/Fruit:** Oblong, grayish to purple, and borne in a three-celled fruit.
- **Toxic:** Horses, cattle, humans

Integrated Management Options



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