Yellow toadflax

(*Linaria vulgaris* Mill.)

Yellow toadflax is an escaped perennial ornamental originally from Eurasia. The plant has bright yellow “snapdragon” flowers with an orange-colored throat and a long spur. The leaves are long and narrow (2 to 2.5 inches) and attached to a slim stem which makes the plant resemble leafy spurge. The long leaves and orange throat of the flower differentiate this plant from dalmatian toadflax. The plant spreads by seed and a creeping root system that can spread up to 10 feet per year. Yellow toadflax flowers from mid-July through September. Each plant can produce more than 500,000 seeds which are widely dispersed by wind or on vehicles and wildlife.

Yellow toadflax tends to be found in more moist areas than dalmatian toadflax and has become a weed in lawns as well as roadsides, pastures and disturbed areas. Yellow toadflax can be mildly poisonous to livestock that graze it. *Mecinus janthinus* is under evaluation for yellow toadflax control.