

Marsh-marigold



Scientific name: *Caltha leptosepala* DC.

Common names: Marsh-marigold, White marsh-marigold, Mountain marsh-marigold, Elks-lip, Elk slip

Marsh-marigold can be found blooming from early spring to July around wet meadows, streams and seeps in higher elevation aspen, coniferous and alpine communities. This plant is often found flowering near or in receding snowbanks; the blue flower buds can push through the snow to bloom. Marsh-marigold has 5 to 12 white sepals but no true petals. The yellow center of the flower is a globose composition of several pollen bearing stamens. The glossy, heart-shaped leaves grow up to 9 cm long and 5 cm wide.



Marsh-marigold is a widely distributed species in higher elevations in and west of the Rocky Mountains up into Alaska.

