



# Whatcom Weeds

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## YELLOW ARCHANGEL

### *Lamium galeobdolon*

**THREAT:** Yellow archangel is a native to Europe, introduced as a garden ornamental and groundcover. It has silver variegated foliage and yellow flowers. It can be very invasive, spreading both by seed and by runners. It will grow in most soil types, soil pH and in dry to moist soil.

**DESCRIPTION:** Yellow archangel is a trailing herbaceous perennial and member of the mint family. It grows up to two feet tall and the leaves remain green throughout the winter. The heart-shaped to ovate leaves are green with silver variegation and have doubly toothed margins. Yellow archangel spreads by stolons, above ground runners that root at the nodes. It has yellow flowers, blooming in late spring or early summer. The flowers are hooded, double-lipped and occur in whorls of 5 to 15. Yellow archangel prefers shade but will tolerate sun. It prefers well-drained soil and is a popular feature plant in hanging baskets.



**MANAGEMENT OPTIONS:** Yellow archangel can be controlled using mechanical and chemical means. Small infestations can be dug by hand. The spread of the plant can be somewhat controlled by mowing or trimming the encroaching plants, but *do not* compost or dispose of trimmings or the contents of a hanging basket in a natural area, roadsides, or in parks. Contact the weed control board for chemical recommendations.



Yellow archangel spreads into a natural area from a yard waste dumping spot