

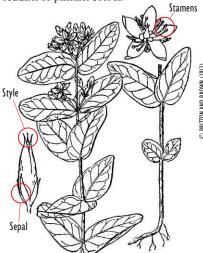
SIZE: 20-60 cm tall.

**LEAVES:** Arising directly from stem, 3-6 cm long, and 1-3 cm wide. Ovalshaped with a rounded tip and heart shaped base. There are transparent bumps (glands) on the undersides.

STEM: Smooth and mostly unbranched. FLOWERS: Pink to greenish-purple, star-shaped with 5 petals, and 8-10 mm long. The sepals are 5-7 mm long and lance-shaped. There are 9 yellow filaments (stamens) in the center of the flower in bunches of three. Flowers grow at the top of the plant and where the leaves arise.

FRUITS: Reddish-purple, cylindrical, and 8-12 mm long. Tapers at the end to a 2-3 mm long point (style).

NOTES: The entire plant can have a reddish or pinkish colour.



## Similar species:

Fraser's Marsh St. John's-Wort (Triadenum fraseri) is very similar. Its sepals are blunter and 2.5-5 mm long and the tip of its fruit (style) is shorter (0.5-1.5 mm long). Its leaves also tend to be slightly rounder and broader. This species is mainly found in northern NS and is uncommon in southwest NS.



Virginia Marsh St. John's-Wort

Triadenum virginicum



## Habitat:

Wetlands (bogs, marshes) and wet lakeshores. **Interesting Point:** 

The hairs on the leaves of this plant prevent the leaf surface from becoming wet when submerged in water.



Fruit and leaves

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Flower close-up

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Purplish red leaves with no leaf stalks (sessile)