

# COMMON ST. JOHNSWORT

(*Hypericum perforatum*)

**GROWTH HABIT:** Perennial, erect, numerous branches.

**LEAVES:** Opposite, attached directly to stem, 1 inch long, oblong, covered with transparent dots.

**STEMS:** Woody at the base, 1 to 3 feet tall, rust colored, with two ridges.

**FLOWER:** Yellow,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch diameter, numerous in flat-topped clusters, five petals with numerous stamens.

**ROOTS:** Branched and deep, some shallow and capable of sending up shoots.

**SEEDS:** Small, shiny black with rough texture in a round, pointed, three-part seed.

**OTHER:** Contains a toxic substance which causes white-haired animals to become allergic to strong sunlight.

