

# WEED OF THE WEEK- TALL BUTTERCUP

## Identification

Tall Buttercup, also known as Common Buttercup, is a noxious weed native to Europe. It contains a bitter juice, which causes blistering of the mouth and digestive system when consumed by livestock. It is toxic to livestock and should not be grazed.

### Flower

Flowers are bright yellow and waxy with 5 petals

### Leaves

Lower leaves are deeply divided into 3-5 lobes. Upper leaves are reduced to 3-4 narrow segments and are hairy.

### Stem

The stem is much branched above, and grows to 90cm tall

### Control

Use herbicides registered to control. Install drainage ditches or tiles if practical since they thrive in moist soils. A close mowing during early bloom, following by a second cutting during late summer, will keep this weed under control in permanent pastures

