

Lamium galeobdolon,

Yellow Archangel

Ornamental groundcovers have a way of becoming invasive. Forms dense patches that shade out native plants regardless of how pretty the leaves are.

Population Status: Confirmed– Columbia County.

Description: This plant grows 1-2 feet tall and has underground runners that connect individuals. A member of the mint family, it looks the part, though with a variegated leaf. It can grow in deep shade and has a somewhat vine-like growth pattern similar to that of a creeping jenny or moneywort. It has hairy, square stems like other species in the family. The leaves are coarsely serrated and ovate to chordate.

Control: There isn't really an effective manual control of this plant. You can attempt to dig it out, though further monitoring, as always, will be necessary.

Look-alikes: No identified look-alikes.

Flower Time and Description: Yellow Archangel flowers in the late spring-early summer months in small hooded flowers of a soft yellow color.

