

Primula japonica, Japanese Primrose

Prized as an ornamental for its beauty when in flower, Japanese Primrose has been observed covering streambank habitat in the area. It disperses its seeds through the water making active management when it is found a high priority.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM.

Description: This flower grows up to 18 inches tall and has many different cultivars for garden use. Leaves are large and serrated, with a dark green color which grow in a similar formation to leafy greens such as lettuce. It is a hardy plant, reported to have been grown successfully as far north as Juneau, Alaska.

Control: Pull up the whole root system, which is somewhat flexible like a swallowwort or a thistle. If the plant is in seed, put it in a plastic bag and dispose of it.

Look-alikes: Orchid Primrose (nonnative) along with other members of the family Primula.

Flower Time and Description: Typically, the flowers emerge in the spring and grow in clusters at the top of the stem. Color ranges among cultivars.

