

Lesser celandine look alike

Lesser celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*) is an early spring ephemeral, blooming soon after the snow melts. Due to its early bloom time and preference for moist habitats, it is most often confused with marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*).



LESSER CELANDINE grows as a groundcover.

One flower per stalk with 5-9 (often 8) petals and 3 green sepals below.

Leaves are kidney to heart-shaped; dark green, and shiny.

Whitish bulbils produced on stem axils; **tubers** produced belowground.



MARSH MARIGOLD tends to grow in clumps and is overall larger than lesser celandine.

2-5 flowers per stalk with 5-9 (often 5) petal-like sepals.

Leaves are round to kidney-shaped.

No bulbils or tubers.

From top: sepals,
bulbils, tubers