

St. John's Worts

Hypericum species

hi-PEAR-ah-cum

Clusiaceae

Treasure Coast *Hypericum* Key:

1. Petals 4...2
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2. Leaf bases cordate (dented), leaves widest below the middle; styles 3 or 4...Four-Petal SJW (*H. tetrapetalum*)
2. Leaf bases not cordate, the leaves widest at the middle; styles 2...St. Andrew's Cross (*H. hypericoides*)
3. Stamens > 12 in number...4
3. Stamens < 12 in number...*H. mutilum* (small plants with soft rounded leaves)
4. Tiny plants, the leaves scalelike leaves appressed to stem...Pineweeds (*H. gentianoides*)
4. Plants otherwise...5
5. Leaves narrowly elliptic, not scale-like, with rounded apex...Roundpod SJW (*H. cistifolium*)
5. Leaves linear and scalelike...6
6. Plants usually in scrub habitat in our area; scale-like leaves < 11 mm long; stem 6-angled; pods 6-9 mm long...Atlantic SJW (*H. tenuifolium*, aka *H. reductum*)
6. Plants usually in moist marshy or shore habitat; leaves often (but not always) >11 mm long; stem round or somewhat flattened...7
7. Leaves with 2 (or no) grooves beneath, may exceed 16 mm long; bark peeling; flowers at 1-3 nodes...Peelbark SJW (*H. fasciculatum*)
7. Leaves with 1 groove beneath, 5-16 mm long; bark not peeling; flowers at 3-5 nodes...Coastalplain SJW (*H. brachyphyllum*)



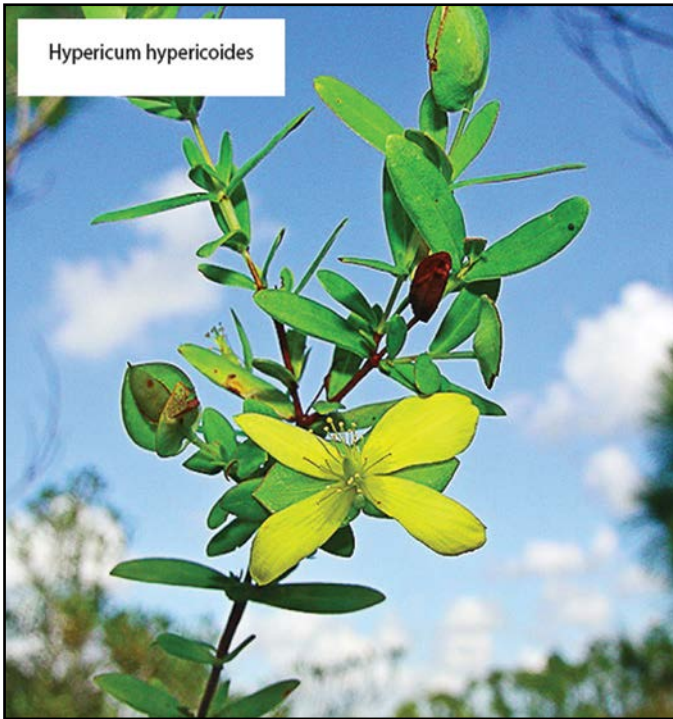
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