

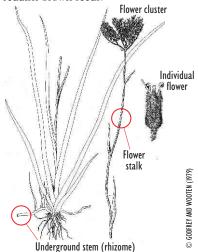
SIZE: 20-80 cm tall.

LEAVES: Long, narrow, arise from the base (basal), vertically oriented and 3-10 mm wide.

STEM: Bright red underground stem (rhizome).

FLOWERS: 10-30 light yellow, woolly flowers are clustered at the top of a flower stalk. The flower cluster is 3-8 cm wide and each individual flower is 10-12 mm. The flower stalk is pale green, arises from the base, is taller than the leaves and the upper section is covered in pale yellow hairs.

FRUITS: Round fruit capsules with reddish-brown seeds.





Redroot *Lachnanthes caroliniana*







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Hower Cluste

Woolly flowers beginning to open

Habitat:

Peat, sand and gravel lakeshores.

Interesting point: This special plant is only found on 8 lakes in all of Canada, all located in southwest Nova Scotia!

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Similar species:

When not in flower this plant can look similar to small Blue Flag Iris (Iris versicolor) and Golden Crest (Lophiola aurea- page 15). Redroot has bright green leaves and red underground stems (rhizomes) while the other species have white rhizomes. Golden Crest leaves are blue-green and tinged with red.



Golden Crest (left), Redroot (right)