

BEWARE OF FIG BUTTERCUP

Three steps you can take to help eliminate this invasive plant:

1. Learn more about it.

The fig buttercup (*Ficaria verna*) is native to Europe, North Africa and West Asia. The plant forms many small bulbs, or bulblets, and quickly creates a thick carpet of plant material that chokes out native plants. It can take over lowlands near creeks and rivers as well as lawns and flower beds. The plant's bulblets wash downstream during heavy rain events, establishing the plant in new locations.

2. Identify it.

The fig buttercup is a low-growing green plant with rubbery heart-shaped leaves and 8 to 12 thin yellow petals. It blooms in February and early March, making those months a great time to identify and eradicate the plant.



3. Report it.

If you see a plant that may be a fig buttercup, contact Administrative Support Specialist Lindsay Rhew at lindsay.rhew@hillsboroughnc.gov or 919-296-9600. The bulblets spread rapidly when disturbed, so please don't try to remove the plant. Volunteers will identify the plant and remove it. They also work with property owners to remove fig buttercup on private property in the most effective way.