

## Velvetleaf

*Abutilon theophrasti* Medicus

### Life cycle

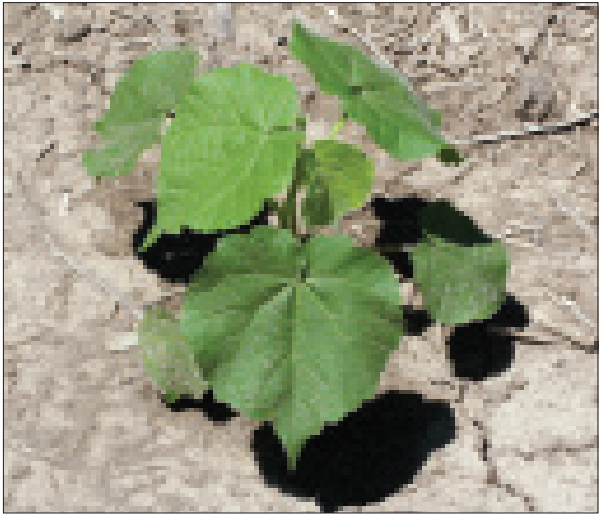
Erect summer annual.

### Leaves

Seedlings have one heart-shaped cotyledon and one nearly round cotyledon with short hairs on both surfaces. Leaves are alternate, broadly heart-shaped, 3 to 8 inches long and



Velvetleaf seedling.



Velvetleaf plant.

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nearly as wide with narrow, pointed tips and long, slender petioles. Leaves have round-toothed margins and softly hairy surfaces that feel velvety.

### Stems

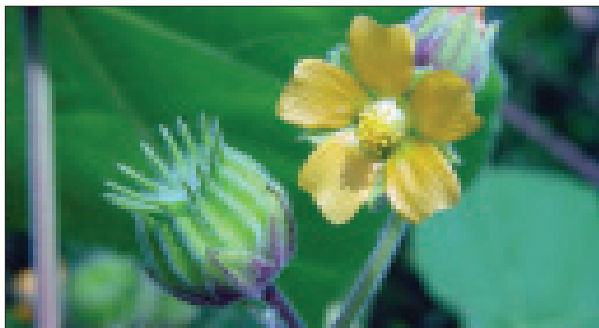
Erect, up to 7-foot-tall stems with little branching are covered with short, velvety hairs and may persist through the winter.

### Flowers and fruit

Yellow to yellow-orange five-petaled flowers form solitarily on short stalks in the upper leaf axils. Fruit are approximately 1-inch-wide, bowl-shaped, green capsules that turn dark brown at maturity. Each capsule has nine to 15 compartments, each containing three to nine grayish brown, somewhat flattened and notched seeds.

### Reproduction

Seeds.



Velvetleaf fruit and flower.