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Aureolaria virginica

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DOWNY FALSE FOXGLOVE is a semi-parasitic perennial. Native to south-eastern North America it has yellow flowers.

It is also known as Downy foxglove, Downy yellow false foxglove, False foxglove, Golden oak, and Virginia oak-leech.

Virginica means 'of or from Virginia (United States)' which itself was named after the English 'Virgin Queen' Elizabeth I (1533-1603).

The North American Cherokee Indian tribe used a plant decoction to treat dysentery.

Locally it is alleged that this plant deters attacks of yellow flies on horses.