

Gagea lutea

[Synonyms : *Gagea elegans*, *Gagea escarelii*, *Gagea glauca*, *Gagea indica*, *Gagea lowariensis*, *Gagea lutea* var. *angustifolia*, *Gagea lutea* var. *australis*, *Gagea lutea* var. *banatica*, *Gagea lutea* var. *bifida*, *Gagea lutea* var. *bulbifera*, *Gagea lutea* forma *bulbillifera*, *Gagea lutea* var. *foliosa*, *Gagea lutea* var. *glauca*, *Gagea lutea* var. *glaucescens*, *Gagea lutea* var. *gracillima*, *Gagea lutea* var. *latifolia*, *Gagea lutea* var. *longifolia*, *Gagea lutea* var. *major*, *Gagea lutea* var. *maxima*, *Gagea lutea* var. *minor*, *Gagea lutea* var. *monantha*, *Gagea lutea* var. *poliphylla*, *Gagea lutea* var. *pratensis*, *Gagea lutea* var. *prolifera*, *Gagea lutea* var. *pubescens*, *Gagea lutea* var. *simplex*, *Gagea lutea* var. *spathacea*, *Gagea lutea* var. *sylvatica*, *Gagea lutea* forma *szepusiana*, *Gagea lutea* var. *transsilvanica*, *Gagea lutea* var. *uniflora*, *Gagea lutea* var. *viridis*, *Gagea nakaiana*, *Gagea sylvatica*, *Gagea sylvatica* forma *cracoviensis*, *Gagea sylvatica* forma *major*, *Gagea sylvatica* var. *vistulensis*, *Gagea szepusiana*, *Gagea transsilvanica*, *Ornithogalum luteum*, *Ornithogalum personii*, *Ornithogalum sylvaticum*, *Ornithoxanthum luteum*, *Ornithoxanthum personi*, *Ornithoxanthum sylvaticum*, *Solenarium luteum*, *Stellaster luteus*]

YELLOW STAR OF BETHLEHEM is a bulbous perennial. Native to central and southern Europe (including Britain), it has small green-striped beneath, pale yellow flowers.

It is also known as *Almindelig guldstjerne* (Danish), *Gagéa à fleurs jaunes* (French), *Gullstjärna* (Swedish), *Isokäenrieska* (Finnish), *Křivatec žlutý* (Czech), *Krivec žltý* (Slovak), *Tylwyth y Lili* (Welsh), *Våfferdagslök* (Swedish), *Vanlig vårlök* (Swedish), *Vårlök* (Swedish), *Wald-Gelbstern* (German), and *Wald-Goldstern* (German).

In Britain yellow star of Bethlehem is considered to be endangered in the wild.

Lutea means 'deep yellow' with reference to the flowers.

The bulbs have been eaten in Sweden when there have been food shortages.