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### *Gagea lutea*

[Synonyms : *Gagea nakaiana*, *Gagea sylvatica*, *Ornithogalum luteum*]

**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.