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- Perennial shrub to 10 feet tall from a forked taproot. Stems strongly angled. Leaves clover-like, deciduous. Flowers numerous, bright yellow, arising from the leaf bases along the stem, similar in appearance to garden peas. Fruits pea like, flattened, brownish-black. Reproduces vegetatively and from seed. Seeds remain viable for up to 80 years.
- Found along forest edges, clearings and meadows. Currently found only in southern Southeast Alaska.
- **Grows into dense impenetrable stands which prevent reforestation, create fire hazard, and eliminate forage for deer and other herbivores.**

