

Lythrum salicaria

Common name:

Purple loosestrife

Origin:

Europe

Key features:

Stems: Plants have herbaceous stems and can grow 1.5-5 feet (0.5-1.5 m) tall

Leaves: Opposite, or in whorls of 3, 1-4 inches (3-10 cm) long, linear, or lanceolate in shape, leaves can be smooth or hairy

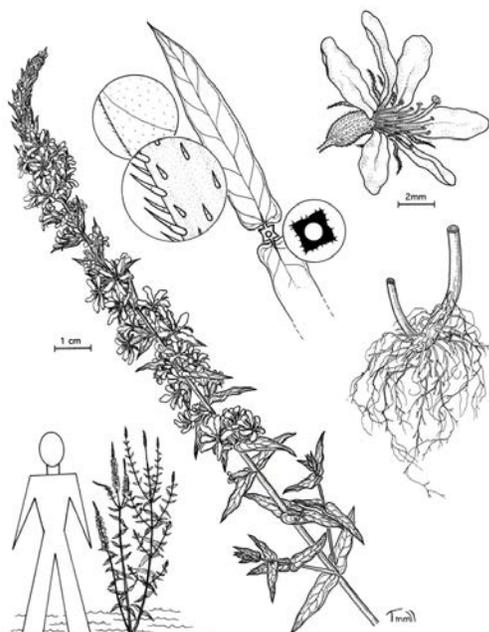
Flowers: Large, pink-purple flowers clustered on long terminal spikes 4-16 inches (10-40 cm) long, floral tube is twice as long as it is wide and typically has 6 petals

Fruits/Seeds: Fruit is a two cavity capsule with numerous reddish-brown seeds

Reproduction: Seed

Easily confused species:

Winged loosestrife: *Lythrum alatum*



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