

# Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest



## Seed Collection Manual



Mason State Nursery



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## **1. Introduction**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Seed Collection Project (MWAEBF). MWAEBF is a two-year project sponsored by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Federation (NFWF) through the non-profit Pollinator Partnership.

This training manual is a comprehensive collection of the information, protocols and forms related to the MWAEBF project and will help standardize the seed collection process to ensure responsible collection and data integrity. Please use this manual as a reference in part, or in total, to meet the needs of your level of responsibility (State Lead, Team Lead, and Collection Volunteer) as indicated by the Pollinator Partnership and its associated satellite partners. See the accompanying training webinar for further assistance.

### **1a. Program Objective**

This short-term seed collection project is designed to give a boost to the habitat needed by monarchs and to increase interest and skill in seed collection. MWAEBF targets five states located within the Eastern Broadleaf Forest – Continental Province (EBF) for seed collection and distribution: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. All seed generated from this project will be used to support the development of geographically appropriate native plant materials for the enhancement of 4,688 acres of monarch habitat.

### **1b. Project Goals**

To successfully meet program objectives, the following tasks will be performed:

Facilitate an eco-regional seed collecting program for the EBF to help meet increased immediate needs for regionally specific monarch-supporting plantings.

- Eco-regionally-specific milkweed and nectar plant seed is generally commercially unavailable in large quantities within the EBF. In order to successfully enhance monarch habitat, a temporary coordinated eco-regional milkweed and nectar plant seed collection and distribution network will be established.
- Seed collecting protocols across the ecoregion for this project will be standardized. Seed collectors will be recruited and trained according to the protocol. All collectors will work off a single plant species target list. Seed will be processed out of a single cleaning center, tested for weeds and germination, and then used for seedling propagation or reseeding efforts at project sites for monarch habitat establishment.
- Any seed collections found to be contaminated by weeds, or of low germination, will be removed from the inventory and destroyed.

- A total of 300 seed collections (approximately 60 per state) will be completed and used in combination with other monarch habitat enhancement techniques. The seed used for seedling propagation will generate 9,375 seedlings for use within the ecoregion. All native plant materials generated from the seed collecting efforts will be redistributed to reach the goal of 4,688 acres within the same ecoregion to maintain genetic variability and resilience across milkweed and nectar plant populations.

Provide technical assistance to public and private land managers of land in the EBF.

- Technical assistance will be provided in a series of 5 on-site and in person workshops for the various land use types (private lands, private working lands, public lands) as well as a webinar reference series that will be posted online.
- The private lands technical assistance will target land managers of roadsides, farms, corporate lands, utility right-of-way, and other land-use types.
- The workshops and webinar will focus on monarch habitat enhancement and maintenance techniques.
- The on-site workshops will highlight successful monarch habitat projects that have been maintained over a period of time and have used any or all of the following habitat enhancement techniques: seeding, plug planting, invasive plant removal, seedbed preparation, controlled burning, and plug planting preparation.
- 5 workshops, 3 webinars and 12 seed collection training classes will be completed over the 2 year span of the project.

Long-term monarch habitat establishment and enhancement.

- Acres for monarch habitat establishment or enhancement activities identified by public and private partners will be secured in the long-term through a letter of commitment signed by the land owner. The letter will detail the actions required to maintain monarch habitat in the long-term.
- The agreements will primarily be made through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program but can also be established with the Pollinator Partnership.
- The Pollinator Partnership will track all the acres counted towards the 4,688 acre goal.
- The agreements will ensure that monarch habitat activities take place on lands that have a landowner or manager committed to monarch conservation and long-term monarch habitat management and maintenance.
- The combined total of acres secured through letters of commitment for monarch habitat will meet or exceed 4,688 acres across the EBF ecoregion.

## **2. Partners**

All partners and associated activities operate within the EBF, and the outcomes of this project will be applicable in 10 other states that intersect the EBF. Working across an ecoregion complements efforts of the U.S. Forest Service's seed transfer zones and

other native plant materials programs, including the National Seed Strategy for Rehabilitation and Restoration. The core group of partners includes:

- Pollinator Partnership
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (IL, IN, and OH)
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Mason State Nursery
- Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative
- Pheasants Forever (IL and OH)
- University of Arkansas – Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST)

The following organizations throughout the EBF have been confirmed and secured as satellite partners to help support the activities of the proposed project:

- Tyson Foods, Inc.
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation
- Marathon Petroleum Company LP – Illinois Refining Division
- Patoka River NWR
- Big Oaks Muscatatuck NWR Complex
- Saint Louis Zoo
- University of Missouri-College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- University of Missouri – Agriculture Experiment Station
- Cleveland Metroparks
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- The Holden Arboretum
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Miami County Park District
- Ohio River Foundation
- Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
- The Nature Conservancy
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Blue Heron Ministries

### **3. Target Plant Species List**

All species listed below were cross-referenced with the USDA PLANTS Database for county-level occurrence within each target state throughout the EBF were present. This was done for each state and averaged to make sure we are prioritizing the most widely distributed species across all 5 states and to gain insight into any species that may be considered problematic. The target plant list has been reviewed, collaborated on and vetted across the ecoregion.

Many of these species have similar characteristics to other plants and proper plant ID is crucial.

Detailed plant profiles can be found in Appendix A. Laminated copies will be distributed to the State Leads by the Pollinator Partnership and will be available for use in the field.

<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed
<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Whorled milkweed
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Partridge pea
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall coreopsis
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common boneset
<i>Eupatorium serotinum</i>	Late boneset
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Ox eye Sunflower
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild bergamot
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove beardtongue
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Narrowleaf mountainmint
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black eyed susan
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth blue aster
<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster
<i>Symphyotrichum pilosum</i>	Frost Aster
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Ohio spiderwort
<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>	White vervain
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	Giant ironweed
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander

#### **4. Training and Communication**

It is extremely important that groups and individuals collecting seed for MWAEBF project are well trained so that plant species are properly identified, plant populations are not harmed during the collection process, and the protocol is followed to ensure data integrity.

Training courses will be offered in each state and a training webinar has been developed to provide comprehensive training for MWAEBF seed collection teams. Before becoming a Team Lead or making MWAEBF seed collections, it is highly recommended that at least one lead botanist (all team members are welcome) participate in the training course. If you are a Team Lead and need to train a collection team, contact the Pollinator Partnership or your State Lead for more information.

#### **4a. Communication**

MWAEBF Team Leads and Volunteer Seed Collectors should direct all questions and concerns to their State Leads. To contact the Pollinator Partnership directly, call 415-362-1137 or email [info@pollinator.org](mailto:info@pollinator.org). State Lead, Pollinator Partnership, and additional regional support contacts can be found in Appendix H.

#### **5. Permission to Collect**

Seed collection may take place on private lands or lands managed by another federal agency (e.g. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, and Department of Defense) or state, county or municipal agencies, as long as landowner permission is provided. Document landowner permission on the field data form associated with the seed collection. If seed collection will occur on state lands or right of way areas, a right of entry permit must be obtained as well as notification of your presence in regard to date, time and total persons that will be on site. Right of entry permits can be obtained from district or county DOT offices or State Park offices. Plan ahead – you will not get a permit overnight. Sample Right of Entry Permit and Notification Documents can be found in Appendix D.

If you are a Team Leader and have arranged for your State Lead to obtain your collection permit, you will need to have a copy of the permit on hand when you visit the site. Additionally, you will need to sign a Hold Harmless Document that will release your State Lead and their associated institution from any damage that may inadvertently occur while you are utilizing the permit in the name of a third party. A sample Hold Harmless Document / Volunteer Waiver Form can be found in Appendix E.

#### **6. Preliminary Site Visits**

Preliminary site visits are often necessary to assess the populations, confirm the identification/location of specimens, and estimate the likely harvesting date and potential seed production. It is important that a knowledgeable botanist leads the collection team and is involved in identifying the plants and the most suitable populations for seed collection. Additionally, where populations are suitable and the quality and quantity of seed is adequate, it may be possible to make collections of multiple target species from the same site. Team Leaders can make preliminary site visits to confirm plant ID when the plants are in flower and mark populations for their volunteer collection teams to return to when the seeds mature.

Begin by assessing the target population and confirm that a sufficient number of individual plants (usually minimum 50) have seeds at natural dispersal stage. This will

ensure that adequate genetic diversity can be sampled from the population, and that the seeds are likely to be at maximum viability and longevity.

Carefully examine a small, representative sample of seeds using a cut test and for smaller seeds a hand lens. Seed should be dry, dark, and relatively loose in its shell. Cut the seed open and examine the contents, the material inside should be a lighter colored embryo. If the embryo is dark or dry like the outer shell the seed may be damaged or dead. The presence of insect damage is an indicator of damaged material. Doing cut tests will help you to estimate the frequency of empty or damaged seeds and confirms that the majority of seeds are mature and fully formed. Use this information as a guide for when to hold your collection event.

How to identify a population:

- A population is a group of individuals (of the same species) living within the same collection site, continuous in range, and generally uniform in appearance.
- Consider plants within a 3 mile radius around your main collection site to be the same population.
- To avoid collecting from the same population in two separate collections (of the same species), do not allow the 3 mile radius of two sites to overlap. If collecting different species from the sites, overlap is not an issue.

## **7. Preventing the Spread of Noxious Weeds and other Hazards**

In natural resource work, including seed collections, equipment and organisms are often moved from one location to another. This provides the potential for the spread of non-target species to invade new habitat. Non-target species are the plants, animals, diseases, pathogens and parasites that are not intended to be moved. As responsible environmental stewards, it is essential that we do our best to reduce our impact and prevent the movement of invasive and weedy species whenever possible. Please use the following protocols before, during, and after each collection.

### Come Clean and Educated

- Before leaving the home, inspect your gear and remove dirt, plants, and seeds from clothing, boots, gear, and vehicles. When possible, wear low-tread footwear that doesn't hold soils, seeds, plant parts, or invertebrates.
- Learn to identify the problem weeds you might encounter. It's easy to learn to identify the problem weeds in most areas and you can find a host of free ID guides wherever you are or are going.
- There are many websites available to learn about your local problem weeds and invasive species. Check out your state Department of Natural Resources, [www.playcleango.org](http://www.playcleango.org), or [www.stopans.org](http://www.stopans.org) to name a few.

### During the Collection

- Avoid parking in weed patches. Most weeds spread along roadways, as vehicles can easily transport many types of weeds and seeds. Avoid parking in weedy



spots. If you are driving off the pavement, try to identify a course that will avoid any weeds.

- Avoid walking through weed patches. Many weed seeds will cling to clothes, shoes, and even hair. If you avoid walking through weeds you will reduce the amount of seed that you might be transporting.
- If collecting from numerous sites in one day, clean all gear between each site.

### Leave Clean

- It's important to clean in the right location. If possible, clean your gear on-site at the end of your trip.
- Carefully inspect yourself and your equipment at the end of your trip. Weed seeds will cling to most materials so be sure to carefully check everything for weed seeds. Do this before you leave a site and throw the seeds in the trash. Pay special attention to pant cuffs, shoes (including laces), and socks. Use a stiff brush, stick, or small screwdriver to help remove soils, seeds, plant parts, or invertebrates; use boot brushes and other removal devices when possible.
- Do not clean clothing, footwear, or gear in or near waterways – it may promote the spread of invasive species downstream.
- Use a 70% alcohol solution to sanitize boots and equipment.
- Don't let weeds hitchhike away from the site. If you are not able to clean before you leave the site, make sure to clean in a place where there is no possibility of anything getting away, and dispose of removed materials in the trash.
- If you have parked or driven through weeds, wash your vehicle undercarriage as soon as possible after leaving a weedy area. If you know you have been in weeds, go straight to the car wash without any delay. As soon as you drive out of the weeds, you will begin spreading seeds. Make sure to spray the undercarriage of your vehicle with high pressure water to wash off any seeds. Only wash inside the car wash bay and never spray weed seeds outside the car wash bay.

### Take Extra Precaution

Incorporate invasive species prevention into planning for the collection event.

- Place cleaning stations at entrance and exit points
- If necessary, plan travel routes to avoid areas of heavy infestation.
- Identify species in the field to educate participants.
- Provide a 70% alcohol solution to sanitize boots and equipment.

### Safety Concerns

Make sure to bring plenty of water (minimum 1 liter). Wear bright clothes when working near roads, and do not collect along busy highways. Wear comfortable, well-fitting shoes and socks, and bring gloves. Dress in layers.

Be careful when handling milkweed plants, as the sap can harm your eyes. The initial irritation can be painful, followed by a cloudiness of the cornea, which can take a week to clear up. Take the following steps to avoid transferring milkweed sap to yourself or your fellow volunteers:

- Wear gloves while collecting milkweed pods

- Avoid contacting your face with your hands or gloves
- Wash your hands carefully after handling milkweed pods
- If milkweed sap gets into your eyes, seek medical attention immediately
- Inform your team lead of any allergies, such as to latex

Always check for ticks after leaving the field. Look where you step and always remain aware of your surroundings. Watch for poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. Do not venture anywhere alone or without informing your team lead.

## **8. Field Documentation and Data Forms**

Use a copy of the MWAEBF Field Data Form in Appendix B for each seed collection and fill out all the data fields. Fill out a data form for each species collected even if you collect many species from the same location. Data should be recorded in the field to ensure all pertinent information is retained. Keep the original form for your records as you will need to send a copy of this data form with your related seed collection to Mason State. There is a Team Lead Collection Tracking Sheet in Appendix I. This sheet is to be used to track Collection ID numbers to prevent duplication. It will also be used to track collection and shipping dates onto a centralized sheet. Notify your State Lead by email after the collection has been made to document the collection of the species.

### **8a. Seed Collection Reference Number Format**

MWAEBF collecting teams use the following format to identify their collections. The Seed Collection Reference Number will include three parts: the Seed Collection Team reference ID (state abbreviation and collection team number), the project site ID (represented by letters a-z) and collection number; for example, OH.CT1.A-3 for Ohio seed Collection Team 1's 3rd collection at site A. Seed collection reference numbers should be unique and sequential from year to year, and should never be repeated. If the last collection of the previous year was 34, the next year's collection numbering should start with 35. The same goes for project site ID, each new site should be unique and sequential. See Appendix C for Collection Team reference IDs and Appendix B for a filled out example of a Field Data Form.

#### Examples

Ohio collection team 1 collects their first collection of the season, *Asclepias incarnata*, at a local park. The seed collection reference number would be as follows:

OH.CT1.A-1

Ohio collection team 1 goes to the same site and their next collection is a new species (*Rudbeckia hirta*). The seed collection reference number would be as follows:

OH.CT1.A-2

- If revisiting a site to collect a new species, utilize the same project site ID, but assign a unique collection number.

Ohio collection team 1 now goes to a new site and collects from *Asclepias incarnata*. The seed collection reference number would be as follows:

OH.CT1.B-3

- Even though it is the same species that was sampled at project site A, it is a different population (it is found at site B), with unique genetics, so it is recorded as a new collection number.
- If a site is revisited and the same species is collected from that same site, but on a different date, that information can be added to the original data sheet, without creating a new record. This would happen if not enough seed was mature at the first visit, and a second visit is necessary to collect from the same population.

## 9. Seed Collecting Tools

Before you leave for your seed collection trip, you will want to make sure you have the following items:

- Paper bags (Sandwich lunch bags or grocery paper bags)
- Permanent black marker or pencil
- Pruners, heavy scissors or garden clippers
- Heavy garden gloves
- Large storage container (To hold bags of harvested seed)
- GIS Application to acquire latitude and longitude
- Data forms
- Permits (when applicable)

## 10. Seed Collection Protocol

Following proper seed collection protocol (cited in the USFWS Policy Regarding Controlled Propagation of Species Listed under the Endangered Species Act (FR65:183, p56916), collect propagules from each of the known populations on the target species list.

In order to ensure genetically representative propagules suitable for plant reintroductions, we will adhere to the following guidelines recommended by Bureau of Land Management Seeds of Success Program (BLM-SOS):

- Collect no more than 20% of the available seed on the day of collection.
- Collect randomly from a diverse selection of plants regardless if characteristics are rare or common (do not select for only the plants with the largest blooms, unique colors, etc).
- If the genetics are unknown, collect as broadly (in an area) as possible to collect the most diverse selection of material.
- When populations are abundant, collecting from every 5th plant is a good way to randomize collection.

- Prioritize sites where populations are of wild origin
- Do not collect in the early morning, before the dew has evaporated. Seed should be dry when collected.
- While collecting, keep track of the number of plants from which you've harvested seeds and report that number to the data collector.

## **11. Seed Collection**

Collect mature, dry seeds into double-bagged brown paper bags. Large collections can be made using plastic buckets and then transferred into bags. Specific information regarding collection and cleaning of target plants is detailed in Section 12. Do not collect in the early morning, before the dew has evaporated. Seed should be dry when collected.

Do not allow collections to overheat, and do not leave them in a vehicle or in full sun. Exposure to sustained high temperatures can badly damage seed collections. Maintain ventilation around the collections at all times, if making more than one collection on a field day, bring the existing collections outside of the car and leave in a shady spot. Never leave seed in a vehicle for any period of time. Damp collections should be spread out on newspaper to dry naturally in a well-ventilated area immediately after collection. For further explanation of the seed collection techniques, please see the quick reference guide in Appendix F.

### **11a. Labeling Your Seed Collection**

Unlike the data forms, the information you record on your collection bag will aid in the tracking of the seed throughout its life in Mason State Nursery until it is planted at its final habitat restoration site. Write the following information below on the outside of your collecting bag. If using a cloth bag, write the information on a jewelers tag and tie it to the bag. It is imperative that this information is accurate so please label your seed collection bags in the field as you collect and record the following information:

- Latin name
- Common name
- Collection date
- Collection location
- County, state
- Collector's name
- Unique collection team Seed Collection Reference Number (See Section 8 for details)

## 12. Recommendations for Collection and Cleaning for Specific Target Plants

Estimated monthly collection periods for each species are detailed in the Plant Profiles (Appendix A). This will vary based on the region, weather, and growing conditions that year, but those months can serve as a ball park. Preliminary site visits will provide a more accurate picture of when seeds will ripen and collection should occur.

*Asclepias* spp., milkweed

Collection Time: Late summer

Collect seed pods as they turn yellow or greyish brown and begin to split. White fluff will likely be visible. Seed should be brown and plump. Do not collect pods with holes as these seeds are likely nonviable due to insect damage. Split open pod and remove fluff.

*Chamaecrista fasciculata*, partridge pea

Collection Time: Fall

Seeds ripen in pods. Pods turn from green to brown when they are ready for harvest. Spilt open some of the pods in the field to see if the seeds are brown and plump. If the seeds are still green they are not ready. It's easiest to collect several pods and put them in your collection bag. When indoors, peel the pods to release the seeds.

*Coreopsis tripteris*, tall coreopsis

Collection Time: Late summer through fall

Seed is ready for harvest when the heads turn yellow to brown. Ripe seed is grayish black in color and resembles a sunflower seed. Seeds are inside the calyx tubes that make up the flower head. Place entire dried flower head into the collection bag. Gently mash the flower head into the palm of your hand to remove any remaining seed.

*Eupatorium* spp., boneset

Collection Time: Late fall

Seeds ripen about a month after flowering and should be collected when the white fluff begins to dry and expand and the calyx and stem begin to brown. It is easiest to cut off the entire flower head and remove the chaff and fluff from the seed in an area where you are sheltered from the wind. (The white fluff acts as a parachute and the seeds will fly away.) Seeds should be dark in color and plump as flat seeds indicate the embryo has not developed and the seeds are not ripe.

*Heliopsis helianthoides*, ox-eye sunflower

Collection Time: Fall

Seed will ripen about a month after flowering if the weather is mild. Seed is ready for harvest when the heads turn from yellow to brown. Ripe seed is grayish brown in color. Plants can be self-sterile, so crack some open before collecting to check for viability. Place entire dried flower head into the collection bag. Gently mash the flower head into the palm of your hand to remove any remaining seed.

*Monarda fistulosa*, wild bergamot

Collection Time: Mid through late summer

Seeds are ready for harvest when the flower head turns from green to brown. Ripened seed is tiny and inside the tiny calyx tubes that make up the flower head. Remove the petals (if there are any remaining) and place entire dried flower head into the collect bag. Tap the flower heads on a piece of white paper and the remaining seeds will fall out.

*Penstemon digitalis*, foxglove beardtongue

Collection Time: Midsummer to fall

Seed ripen in upright capsules that turn from green to brown when ready to harvest. The dried capsules can be turned upside down and emptied right into an envelope or collection bag.

*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*, narrowleaf mountainmint

Collection Time: Late summer

Seed heads turn from green to brown when ripe. Cut off the entire seed head and put in the collection bag to dry. Mash the dried seed head in your hand or onto a piece of white paper to release the seed from the calyx. Seeds are very tiny and dark brown resembling itty-bitty mouse poop.

*Ratibida pinnata*, yellow coneflower

Collection Time: Late summer

The seeds form on the inside of the brown or black cone in the center of the flower. When the cone becomes hard and turns grayish or dark brown the seeds are ripe. Remove the entire cone from the plant and put them in the collection bag. Gently pull apart the cones to dislodge the remaining seeds.

*Rudbeckia hirta*, black-eyed Susan

Collection Time: Late summer through early fall

The seeds form on the inside of the brown or black cone in the center of the flower. When the cone becomes hard and turns grayish or dark brown the seeds are ripe. This usually occurs three to four weeks after the blooms fade. Remove the entire cone from the plant and put them in the collection bag. Gently pull apart the cones to dislodge the remaining seeds.

*Symphotrichum* spp., asters

Collection Time: Late summer through fall

The seed is ready for collection when the white fluff begins to dry and expand and the calyx and stem begin to brown. It is easiest to cut off the entire flower head and remove the chaff and fluff from the seed in an area where you are sheltered from the wind. (The white fluff acts as a parachute and the seeds will fly away.) Seeds should be dark in color and plump as flat seeds indicate the embryo has not developed and the seeds are not ripe.

*Tradescantia ohiensis*, Ohio spiderwort

Collection Time: Early summer

Seeds ripen in capsules wrapped in the calyx. The capsules open when the seed is ripe and drop the seeds out quickly. It is best to start checking the seeds about six weeks after they bloom to see if they are ready.

*Vernonia gigantea*, giant ironweed

Collection Time: Fall

Seeds are ready for collection when the pappus (scales, bristles, or featherlike hairs that are attached to the seeds) is dry and the white fluff begins to expand. Like other members of the composite family, it is easiest to cut off the entire flower head and remove the chaff and fluff from the seed in an area where you are sheltered from the wind. Seeds should be dark in color and plump as flat seeds indicate the embryo has not developed and the seeds are not ripe.

*Verbena urticifolia*, white vervain

Collection Time: Late summer

Seeds ripen sequentially over the season so not all the seed will be ripe at one time. Each flower is replaced by 4 flattened nutlets. Harvest the entire flower panicle when the about 75% of the capsules are brown and dry, and place them in the collection bag. The flower head may need to be left for a week to dry. Gently crush the capsules to release the tiny seeds by rolling them back and forth over a piece of paper.

*Zizia aurea*, golden Alexander

Collection Time: Summer

Seeds ripen into capsules on the flower umbel. The capsules turn from green to brown when they are ready to harvest. Remove the entire flower umbel and put into collection bag. Rub ripe capsules between finger tips to release seeds.

### **13. Seed Storage**

After your collection, let the seed dry for 3 days in a cool, dark, dry location before shipping to Mason State Nursery. The optimal method for drying seed material is to spread it out in a single layer on laid out newspaper. Placing a fan nearby on the lowest setting can expedite the drying process. If space is a constraining factor, leave the seed in the collection bag, but leave the bag open and stir the seeds at least once a day. Again, a fan on its lowest setting blowing over the bags can help expedite the drying process.

Ship the seed immediately after drying and completing a preliminary cleaning. Leftover bits of plant material (leaves and stems) can promote the growth of mold which will ultimately affect the viability of the seed. Seeds vary greatly in how they need to be cleaned. Refer to individual plant information in Section 12 for method of cleaning, if necessary.

Only ship seed Monday through Wednesday to ensure that it arrives at Mason State Nursery before the weekend. If necessary, keep the seed in a cool, dark and dry location until Monday morning. Do not freeze seed and never store or ship seed in plastic.

#### **14. Photo Documentation**

Digital photos of the species being collected should always be taken while in the field. Data collectors can take photos with their smartphones and upload directly through the GIS app. Digital Photos not uploaded to the app should be labeled with the unique collection ID number and submitted to the Pollinator Partnership via email by the end of the collection season. At least three photos should be taken for each collection:

1. Landscape level / population
2. Individual plants
3. Material collected (seed)

When possible, you have the option to photograph the flower or leaf structure, depending on what is visible and most helpful in identifying the plant. You may also wish to take a photo of your field data form or any field notes as a backup.

#### **15. GIS App**

You will use the GIS app to acquire specific data about the location of each seed collection including latitude and longitude coordinates. Specific directions on how to use the GIS app are in Appendix G. A training webinar will accompany this manual in order to provide further assistance to seed collection participants.

#### **16. Shipping**

##### **Background**

It is critical to the success of the seed that it is shipped immediately following drying, together with the completed field data forms. The Collection Team Lead should ship the seed directly to Mason State Nursery, unless otherwise instructed by the State Lead. In some cases, the Collection Team Lead may need to send the seed first to the State Lead, who will then send the seeds in bulk to Mason State Nursery. Do not mail seeds out on Thursday or Friday in order to ensure they are not left in an uncontrolled (i.e., hot or humid) shipping center for a prolonged period. Always check the estimated delivery before mailing to make sure the seed will arrive before the weekend. If no one is available to receive mail over the weekend, the seeds may end up sitting for two days (or longer) in a boiling hot mailbox or on a doorstep in the direct sun.



## **Packaging**

As often as possible, ship each seed collection in one bag. Make sure that the seed bags are clearly labeled with your unique collection number. The field data form must be shipped with the corresponding collection. Tape or staple it to the bag, or put it inside the bag. As an additional precaution, place a second label on top of the seed inside the bag. We recommend shipping in a sturdy cardboard box, such as a USPS Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Box. These boxes can be used to ship seed anywhere in the U.S. (with tracking) for the flat rate of \$13.60, regardless of weight – if it fits, it ships! Boxes can be ordered online at the USPS Postal Store (<https://www.usps.com/>) or picked up at any USPS Post Office, free of charge. The labeled paper bags should be securely packaged for shipping (i.e., taped at the seams and padded with newspaper or loose bubble wrap inside the box). Woven PVC or nylon air freight envelopes can be used for smaller quantities of seed. Please do not use any non-breathable bags or containers for seeds as this may contribute to mold growth.

## **Shipping via USPS**

To ship the seed, first log in to the project USPS account at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) (contact State Lead, Collection Team Lead, or Pollinator Partnership for login credentials). From the homepage, select “Mail & Ship” and then “Click-N-Ship.” From there, you will be able to fill out the shipping label using the following steps:

### **1. Where are you sending from?**

You will need to edit the “Return Address” to reflect your own address or the State Lead’s address, as the default address is the Pollinator Partnership headquarters in San Francisco.

### **2. Where are you sending to?**

Unless instructed otherwise by your State Lead, all seed must be shipped to the following address:

**Dave Horvath  
IDNR, Mason State Nursery  
17855 County Road 2400 E  
Topeka, Illinois 61567**

Under “Additional Actions,” check the box indicating “I would like to get tracking notification” so that Pollinator Partnership can be updated on the status of the package.

### **3. Enter a shipping date**

Select same day shipping to ensure the seed is delivered ASAP.

### **4. Enter package details**

Select “I am Shipping Flat Rate”

### **5. Enter package value**

Leave this field blank.

## **6. Select a service type**

Select “Priority Mail” under “Choose a Service Type.” Once all other fields are complete, you can click “View available Services and Prices” at the bottom. Then, select the option for “Priority Mail® Medium Flat Rate Box.” Be sure to check the scheduled delivery date to ensure it falls before the weekend. The price of postage should be \$13.65. Depending on the amount of seed collected, feel free to use a larger or smaller box or envelope, but note that the price will change depending on package size.

## **7. Add insurance and extra services**

Do not change anything in this category. Leave all fields set to the default options.

## **8. Label Summary**

Review the label summary to ensure the address and delivery date are correct, then click “Add to Cart.”

## **9. Shipping Cart**

Once again, review the order to ensure all the information is correct, then select “Next: Billing Information.”

## **10. Billing Information**

Check the box indicating “\*I certify that my mailing complies with...” Select “Use PayPal,” and click “Next: Pay and Print.”

## **11. Printing the label**

Now that you have paid for the postage, you can print the label. The label should be securely taped to the top of the box.

## **12. Mailing**

Once the seed has been securely packaged in a USPS box and postage has been added, you can either hand deliver the package to any USPS Post Office, or you can schedule a pickup with your daily mail pickup (your office might have an outgoing mail receptacle which a postal worker takes from during your daily mail delivery). Regardless of how the package is received by the USPS, you want to make sure: 1) it is received by a postal worker on the same day, and 2) it is never left in an uncontrolled or hot or humid environment.

Please contact your State Lead or [info@pollinator.org](mailto:info@pollinator.org) to confirm when seed has been shipped. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the delivery of the package, please contact Dave Horvath, Nursery Supervisor at Mason State Nursery, at 309-535-2185 or [dave.horvath@illinois.gov](mailto:dave.horvath@illinois.gov)

## **Appendix A:**

# **Target Plant Species Plant Profiles**

## Target Plant Species

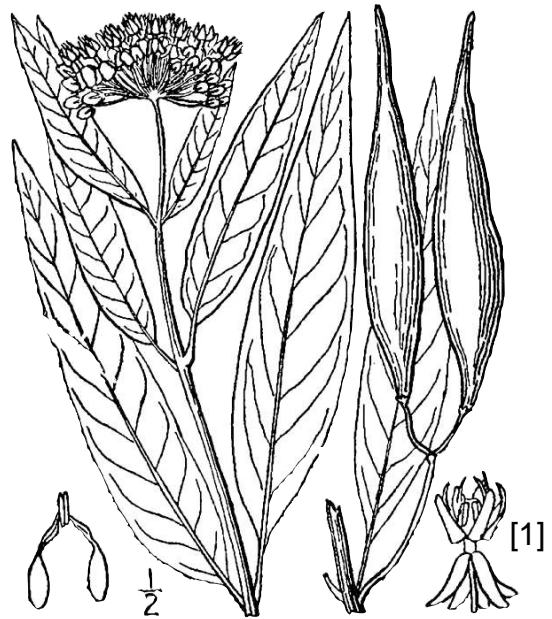
Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed
<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Whorled milkweed
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Partridge pea
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall coreopsis
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common boneset
<i>Eupatorium serotinum</i>	Late boneset
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Ox eye Sunflower
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild bergamot
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove beardtongue
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Narrowleaf mountainmint
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow coneflower
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black eyed susan
<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth blue aster
<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster
<i>Symphotrichum pilosum</i>	Frost Aster
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Ohio spiderwort
<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>	White vervain
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	Giant ironweed
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander

Plant profiles for Appendix A. can be found at <http://pollinator.org/mwaebf/seed-collection>

# *Asclepias incarnata*

swamp milkweed

Other common names include: rose milkweed



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 2-5' tall

Leaf: Opposite; up to 6" long and 1½" wide, but typically about 3" long and ½" wide; hairless and toothless, tapering to a point at the tip on a short petiole. Upper leaf surfaces are medium to dark green, although they can become yellowish green or pale green in response to bright sunlight and hot dry conditions.

Stem: Mostly hairless but may have lines of fine hairs in the upper plant.

Flower: Upper stems terminate in pink clusters of flowers spanning about 2-3½" across. Each flower is about ¼" across, consisting of 5 upright whitish hoods and 5 surrounding pink petals that droop downward in the manner of most milkweeds.

Seed collection\*\*: Late September [2]

**What it can be confused with:**

Swamp milkweed is easily distinguished from other milkweeds (*Asclepias* spp.) by its erect umbels of pink flowers, tall branching habit, and relatively narrow leaves. Other milkweeds with pink flowers, such as *Asclepias syriaca* (common milkweed) and *Asclepias sullivantii* (prairie milkweed), are shorter and less branched plants with wider leaves. Sometimes stray plants of swamp milkweed occur in drier areas; these specimens are usually much shorter and little branched, but their leaves remain narrow in shape. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Hummingbirds, honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, and skippers. [3,4]

**Larval Host:** Monarch and queen butterflies [4]

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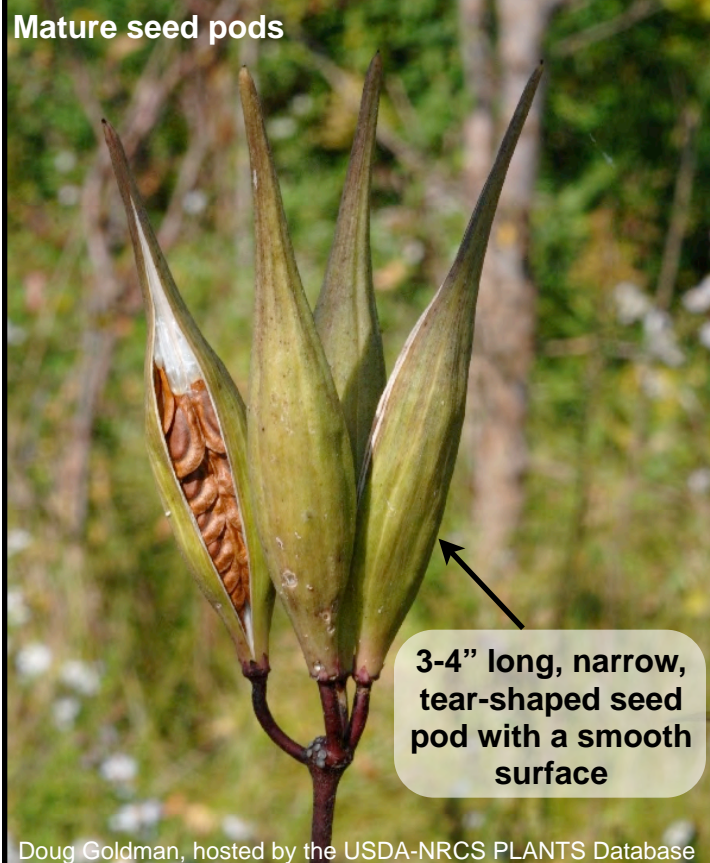
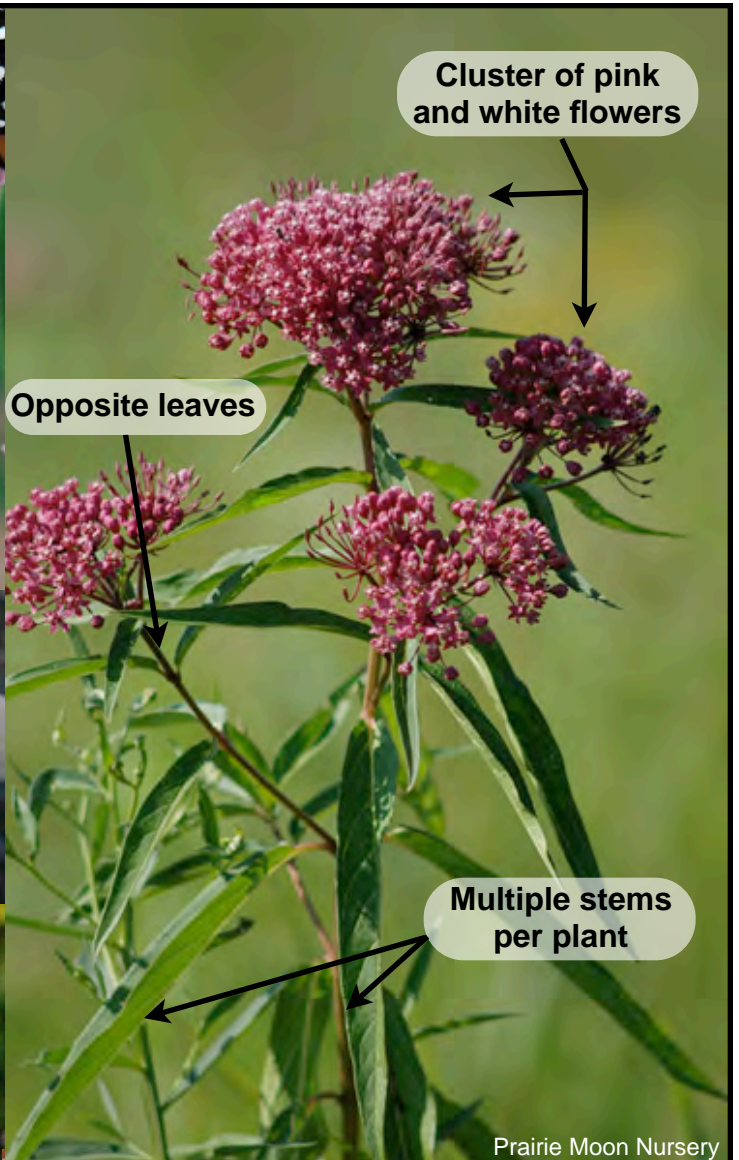
[1] USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. *An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*. 3 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Vol. 3: 26

[2] <http://pleasantvalleyconservancy.org/seedcollectingtimes.html> [3] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/wetland/plants/sw\\_milkweed.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/wetland/plants/sw_milkweed.htm)

[4] [http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ASIN](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ASIN)

# *Asclepias incarnata*

swamp milkweed



# *Asclepias incarnata*

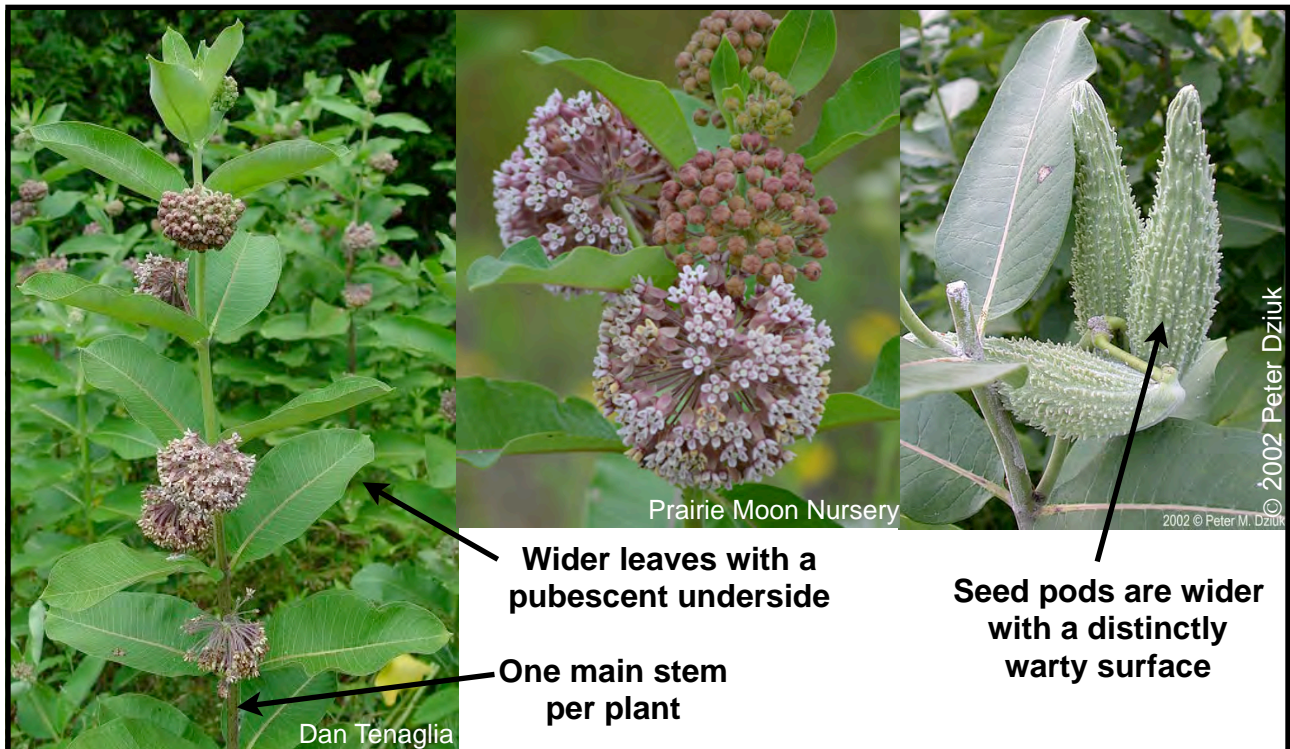
swamp milkweed

**SWAMP MILKWEED COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

*Asclepias sulivantii* - prairie milkweed



*Asclepias syriaca* - common milkweed



# Asclepias incarnata

swamp milkweed

**SWAMP MILKWEED COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

Apocynum cannabinum - common dogbane



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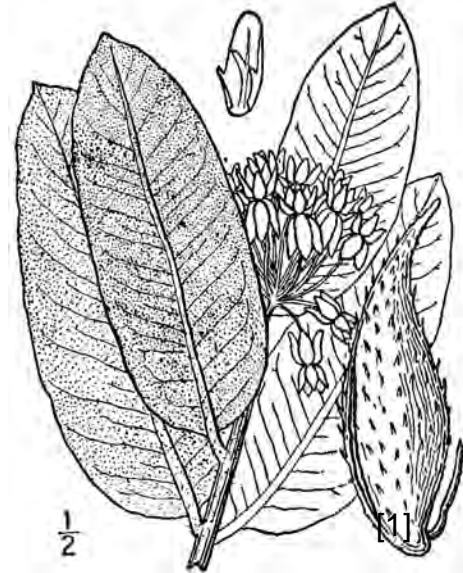
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# *Asclepias syriaca*

common milkweed

Other common names include: silkweed and milkplant



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X				

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Forb

Size: 3-5' tall

Leaf: Opposite; up to 8" long and 3.5" wide; oblong with smooth margins, the upper leaf surface is pale-medium to dark green and hairless above, lower leaf surface is densely covered with woolly hairs that are very short; prominent central vein; if damaged, milky sap is released.

Stem: Central stem is stout, pale green, unbranching (except sometimes at the tip near the flowers) and usually covered in small, short hairs.

Flower: Umbels of flowers, each about 2½-4" across, emerge from the axils of the upper leaves. These flowers are fragrant and range in color from faded light pink to reddish purple. Each flower is about ¼" across, consisting of 5 reflexed petals and 5 raised hoods with curved horns. The hoods are more light-colored than the petals. The pedicels (flower stem) of the flowers are light green to pale red and hairy.

Seed collection\*\*: Late September - October

**What it can be confused with:**

Common milkweed can be distinguished from other milkweeds by its warty seedpods – other *Asclepias* spp. within the ecoregion have seedpods which are smooth, or nearly so. The leaves of swamp milkweed are more narrowly lanceolate than those of common milkweed. Prairie milkweed is similar in having one main stem and large leaves, but it is hairless, unlike the common milkweed which has small hairs on the stems and undersides of the leaves. [2]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths, and skippers. [2,3]

**Larval Host:** Monarch and milkweed tiger moth. [2,3]

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[2] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/cm\\_milkweed.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/weeds/plants/cm_milkweed.htm) [3] [https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=ASSY](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=ASSY)  
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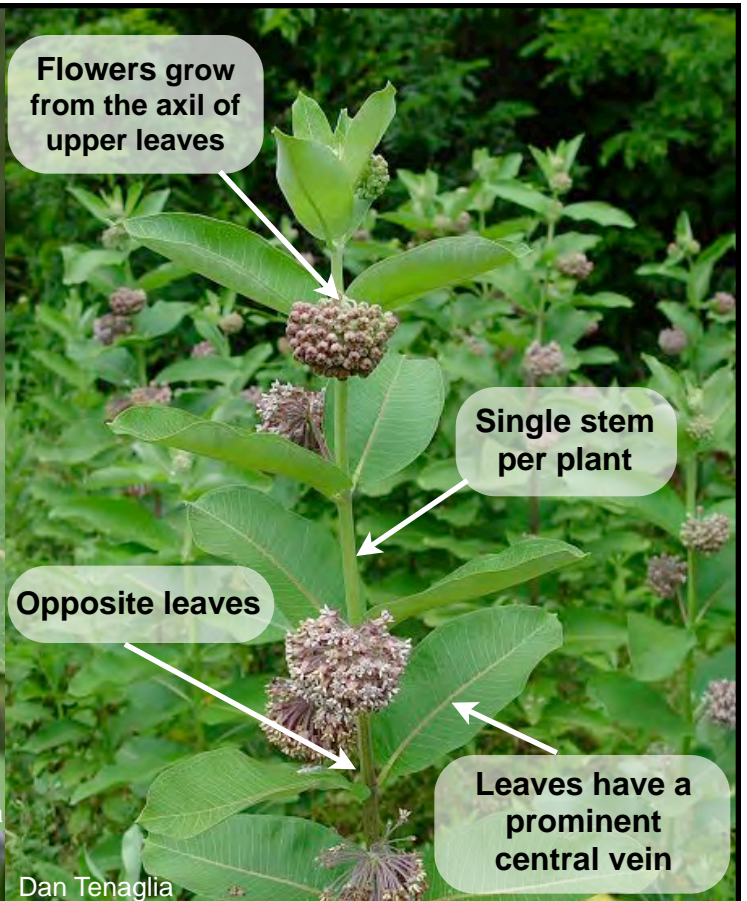
# *Asclepias syriaca*

common milkweed



Small, light and dark pink flowers

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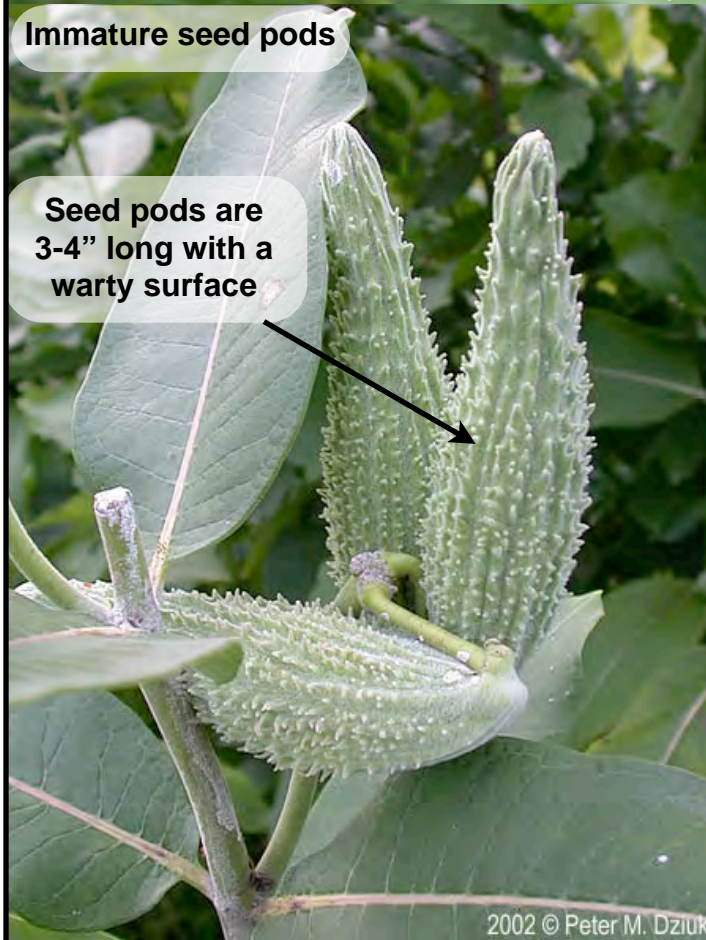
Flowers grow from the axil of upper leaves

Single stem per plant

Opposite leaves

Leaves have a prominent central vein

Dan Tenaglia



Immature seed pods

Seed pods are 3-4" long with a warty surface

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Stems and leaf bottoms are covered in small hairs

John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers



Cleaned Seeds

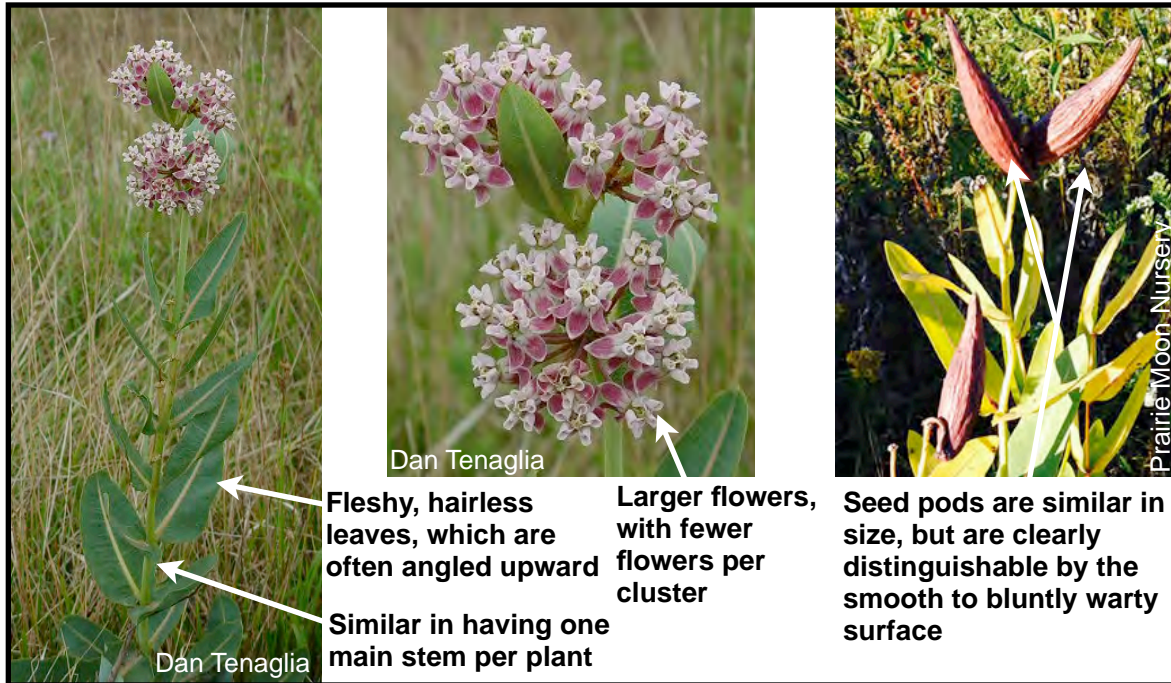
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# Asclepias syriaca

common milkweed

**COMMON MILKWEED COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

Asclepias sulivantii - prairie milkweed



**Asclepias sulivantii - prairie milkweed**

**Asclepias sulivantii** (left photo)

- Fleshy, hairless leaves, which are often angled upward
- Similar in having one main stem per plant

**Asclepias sulivantii** (middle photo)

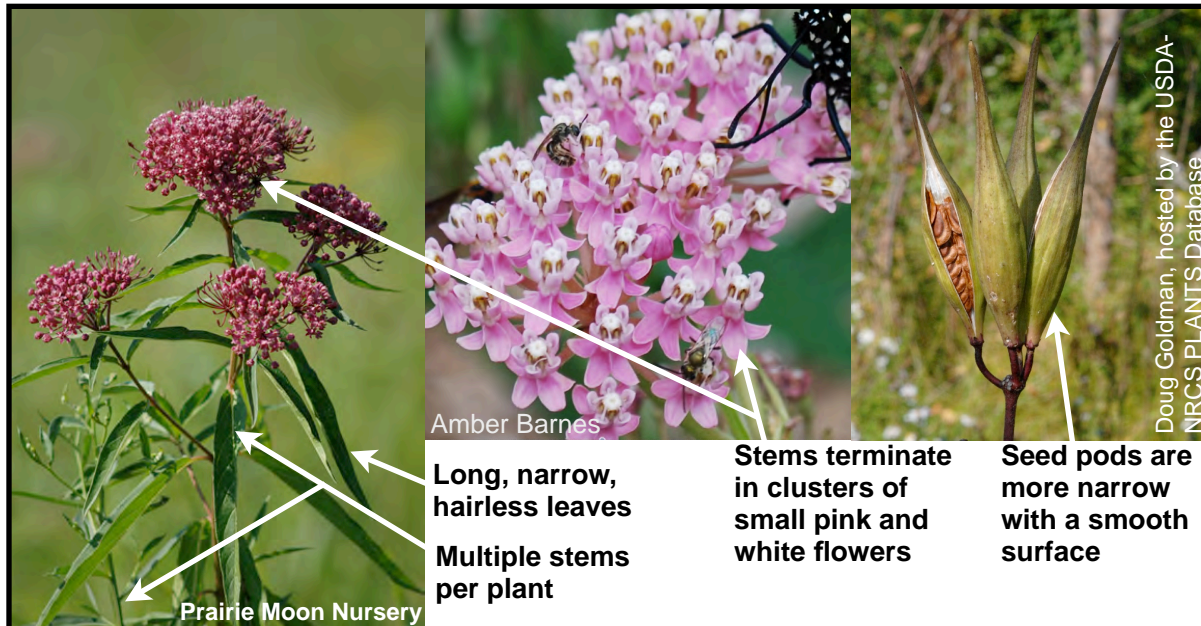
- Larger flowers, with fewer flowers per cluster

**Asclepias sulivantii** (right photo)

- Seed pods are similar in size, but are clearly distinguishable by the smooth to bluntly warty surface

*Source: Dan Tenaglia, Prairie Moon Nursery*

Asclepias incarnata - swamp milkweed



**Asclepias incarnata - swamp milkweed**

**Asclepias incarnata** (left photo)

- Long, narrow, hairless leaves
- Multiple stems per plant

**Asclepias incarnata** (middle photo)

- Stems terminate in clusters of small pink and white flowers

**Asclepias incarnata** (right photo)

- Seed pods are more narrow with a smooth surface

*Source: Amber Barnes, Prairie Moon Nursery, Doug Goldman, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database*



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*Asclepias verticillata*

whorled milkweed

Other common names include: eastern whorled milkweed

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: .5-2' tallLeaf: Whorls of 4-6 leaves surround the central stem, long and thin: 2-3" long, 1/16-1/8" across, smooth leaf edges, and some leaves droop downward. The upper leaf surface is yellowish-medium green and nearly hairless with narrow grooves along the middle. The lower leaf surface is whitish green with small hairs.Stem: Yellowish green to medium green, sparsely branched along the upper half of the central stem.Flower: White. 1-4 flower heads grow from the middle to upper leaf axils. Flowerheads span 3/4-1 1/2" across and consist of 7-20 small whitish green flowers.Seed collection\*\*: Mid-Late September - Early October [2]**What it can be confused with:**

This small milkweed blooms later into the year than most milkweed species (*Asclepias* spp.). Whorled milkweed superficially resembles the common field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*) because of its thin whorled leaves. It can be distinguished from this horsetail by the milky latex of its foliage and the later development of its flowers and seed pods. Field horsetail is a spore-bearing plant that lacks true flowers. Whorled milkweed is readily distinguished from other milkweed species by its more narrow leaves (only 1/16-1/8" across). Narrow-leaved milkweed (*Asclepias stenophylla*) is an exception, because its linear leaves are almost as narrow. However, this latter species has leaves that are alternate to nearly opposite along its stems, rather than whorled. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths, and beetles. [3]

**Larval Host:**

Monarch

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[1] USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions. 3 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Vol. 3: 32.

[2] <http://pleasantvalleyconservancy.org/seedcollectingtimes.html>

[3] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/wh\\_milkweedx.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/wh_milkweedx.htm)

# *Asclepias verticillata*

whorled milkweed



Cleaned seeds



Steve Hurst, hosted by the USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database

Flowers



Mature seed pod



# *Asclepias verticillata*

whorled milkweed

**WHORLED MILKWEED COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

*Equisetum arvense* - field horsetail

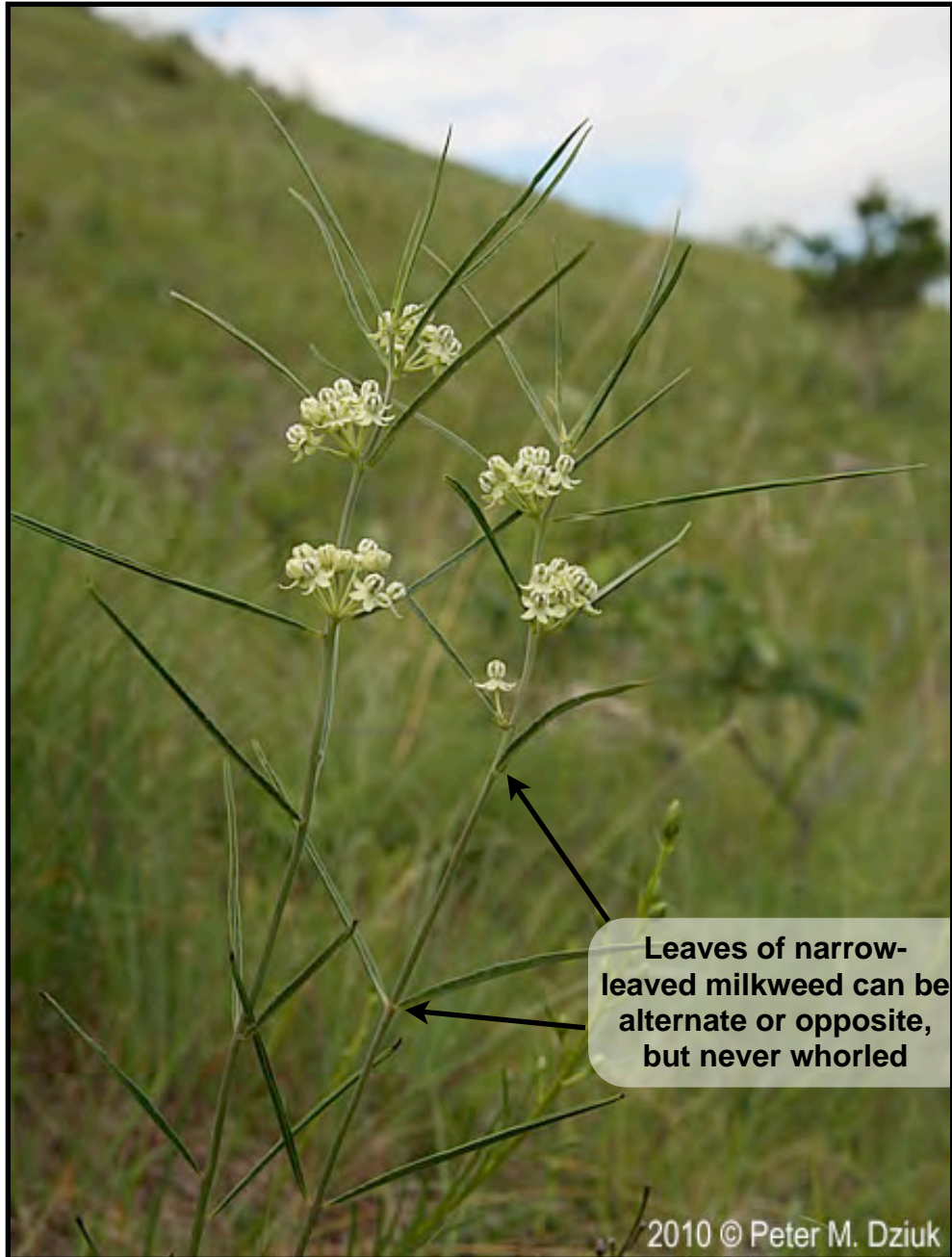


# *Asclepias verticillata*

whorled milkweed

**WHORLED MILKWEED COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

*Asclepias stenophylla* - narrow-leaved milkweed

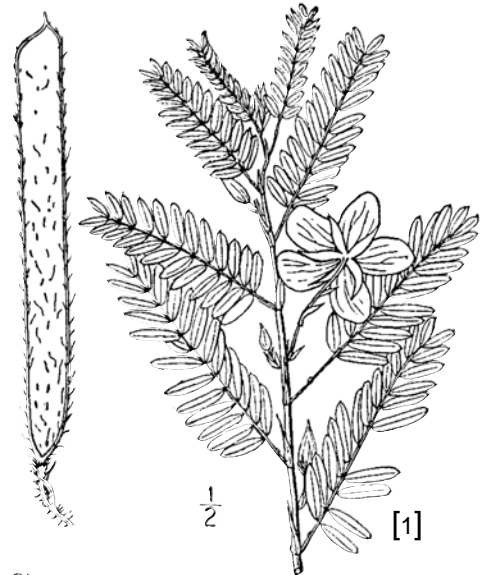


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# *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

partridge pea

Other common names include: showy partridge pea, sleepingplant, or sensitive plant



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Annual

Type: Herb

Size: 1-3' tall

Leaf: Alternate, pinnately compound. Medium to dark green. Petioles with nectaries. Each compound leaf has up to 20 leaflets, which are hairless, oblong, and roughly 2/3" long and 1/3" wide.

Stem: Shorter plants are erect while larger plants tend to sprawl. Stems are slender and hairless, and are light green at first but become reddish brown.

Flower: Flowers are bright yellow and irregular, appearing on 1/3" flower stalks along major stems near leaf axils. Flowers are 1" wide with 5 rounded petals and approximately 10 ruddy stamens. No scent. [3]

Seed collection\*\*: Early September [2].

**What it can be confused with:**

Sometimes confused with *Chamaecrista nictitans* (sensitive partridge pea) which can be distinguished by its flowers (which are smaller in size - about 1/3" across, have 5 stamens, and appear on 1/10" flower stalks), as well as its leaves, which are sensitive to the touch and will fold when contacted. [5]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, ants, butterflies [4, 5]

**Larval Hosts:**

Several species of sulfur butterflies feed on the foliage. [3]

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[1] USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / Britton, N.L., and A. Brown. 1913. An illustrated flora of the northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions. 3 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Vol. 2: 337.

[2] <http://pleasantvalleyconservancy.org/seedcollectingtimes.html>

[3] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/part\\_peax.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/part_peax.htm)

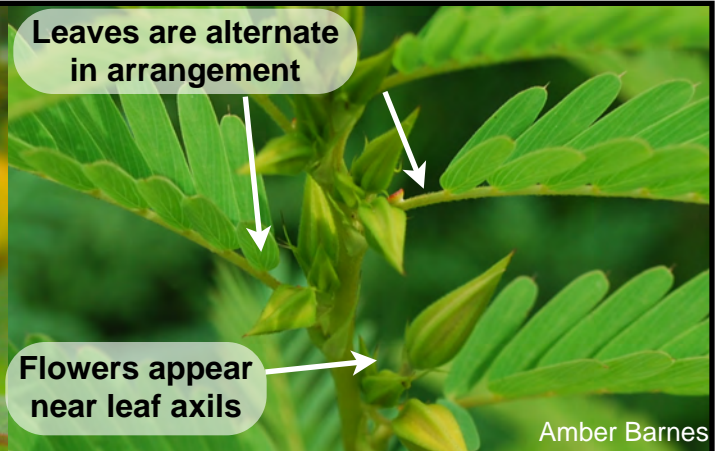
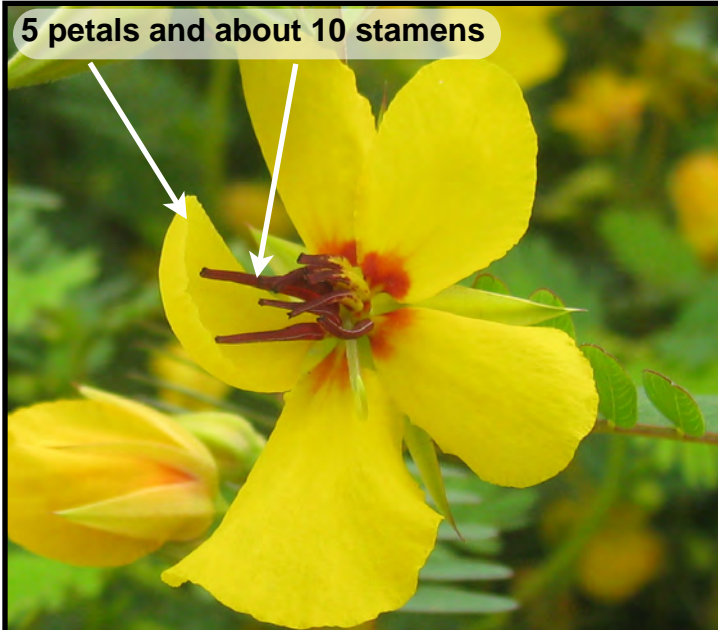
[4] [http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=CHFA2](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=CHFA2)

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# *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

partridge pea

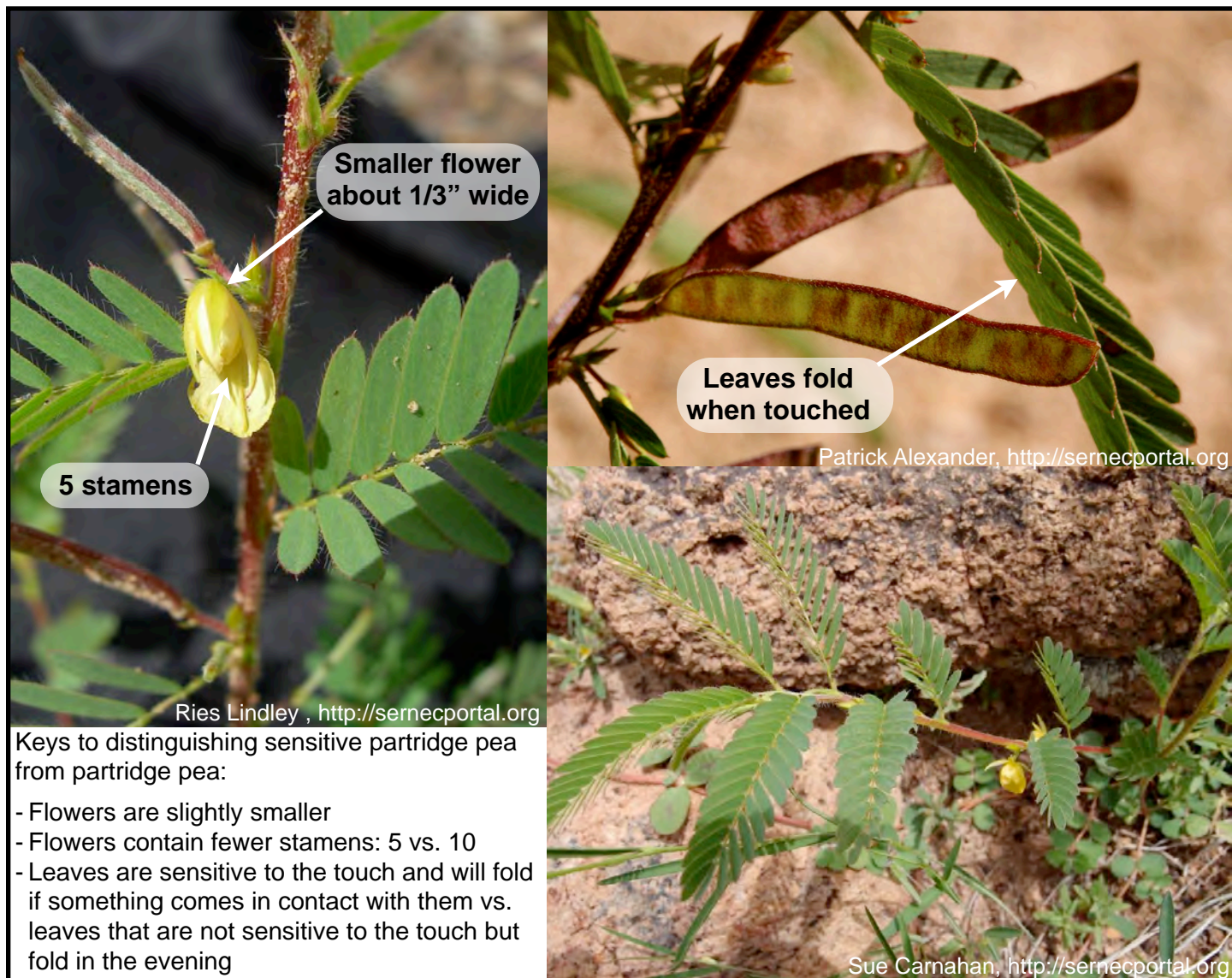


# *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

partridge pea

## PARTRIDGE PEA COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Chamaecrista nictitans* - sensitive partridge pea



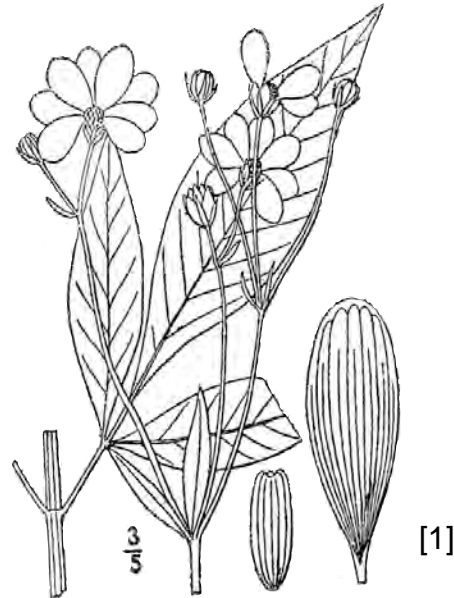
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*Coreopsis tripteris*

tall coreopsis

Other common names include: tall tickseed and Atlantic coreopsis

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X	X		

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 3 - 8' tall

Leaf: Opposite, may occur alternately along uppermost stems; up to 5" long and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide; compound leaf with 3 or 5 leaflets, smooth leaf margins with small hairs; lateral leaflets are sessile (no leaf stem), while terminal leaflets have petioles (leaf stem). Upper leaf surfaces are medium green, and hairless; lower leaf surfaces are light green, slightly pubescent. Petioles are up to 1½" long.

Stem: Light green, hairless, and sometimes glaucous (a whitish film that rubs off).

Flower: Upper stems terminate in solitary clusters of flowerheads up to 1½-2" wide. Flowering stalks may develop from axils of upper leaves. Each flower consists of 8 ray florets (outer petals) surrounding a head of disk florets. Ray flowers are yellow; Disk florets are 4-5 lobed (petaled), and dark purple to maroon.

Seed collection\*\*: Late September - Mid October

**What it can be confused with:**

Tall coreopsis' greater height, later bloom period, and flowerheads with dark purple or maroon centers make it readily distinguishable from other *Coreopsis* spp. Most *Coreopsis* spp. flowerheads have yellow centers. Its height can sometimes cause it to be confused with sunflowers (*Helianthus* spp.). Sunflowers, however, have simple leaves as opposed to the tall coreopsis' odd-pinnate leaves. [2]

**Known Pollinators:**

Bumblebees, native bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, skippers, and the goldenrod soldier beetle. [2,3]

**Larval Host:** Dimorphic gray wave moth, wavy-lined emerald moth, and common tan wave moth. [2]

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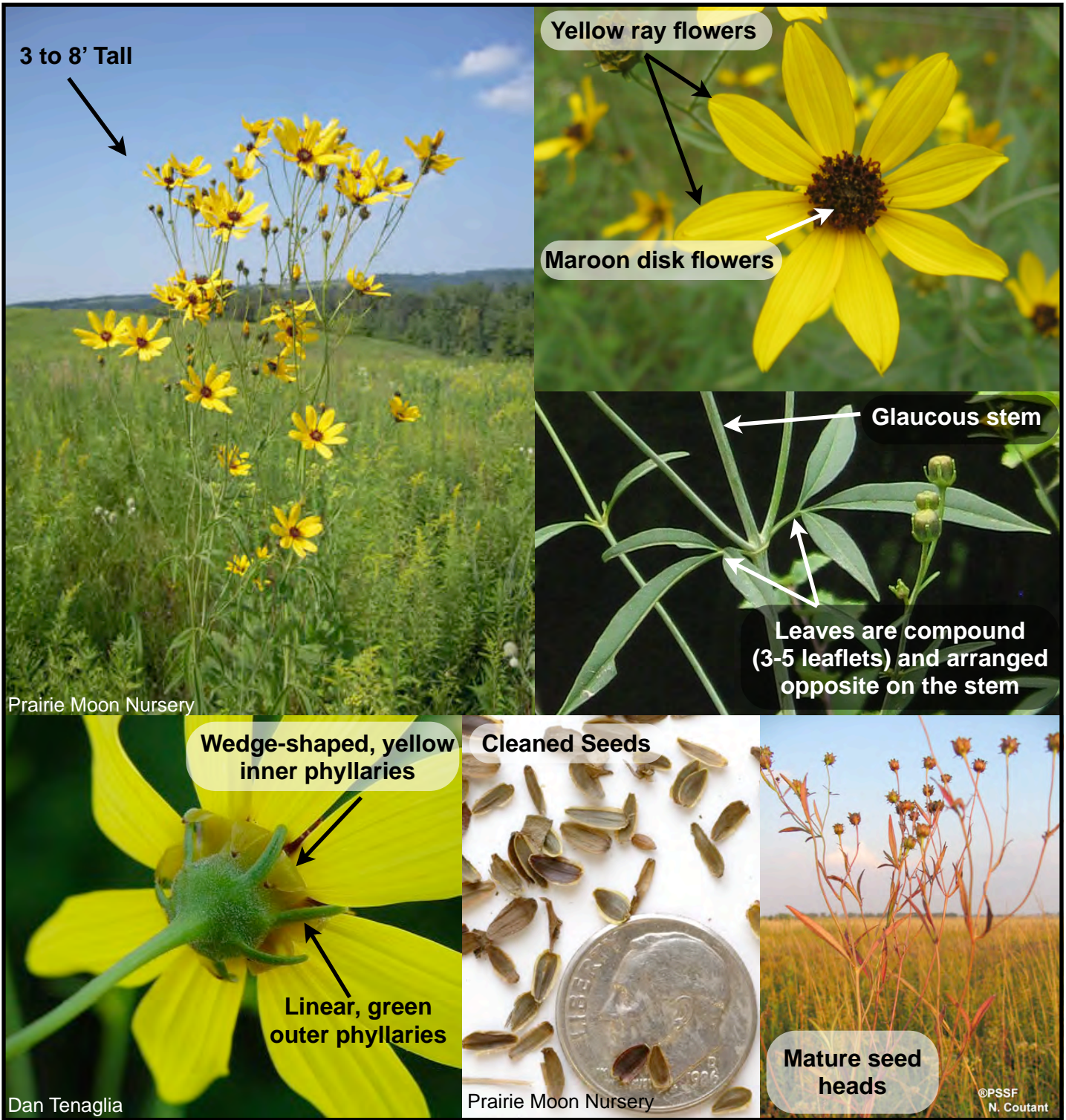
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[2] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/tl\\_coreopsisx.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/tl_coreopsisx.htm)

[3] [http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=COTR4](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=COTR4)

# Coreopsis tripteris

tall coreopsis



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# *Coreopsis tripteris*

tall coreopsis

## TALL COREOPSIS COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Helianthus* spp. - sunflowers



The phyllaries can also be helpful, as sunflowers often have many rows of overlapping green phyllaries



The best feature to differentiate between tall coreopsis and sunflower species is their leaves: Sunflowers have simple (non-compound leaves)



### *Coreopsis palmata* - prairie coreopsis



The disk flowers of prairie coreopsis (and many other coreopsis species) are yellow, opposed to the deep purple-maroon disk flowers of the tall coreopsis



Prairie coreopsis is much shorter (1-2.5' tall) and the leaves are lobed rather than compound



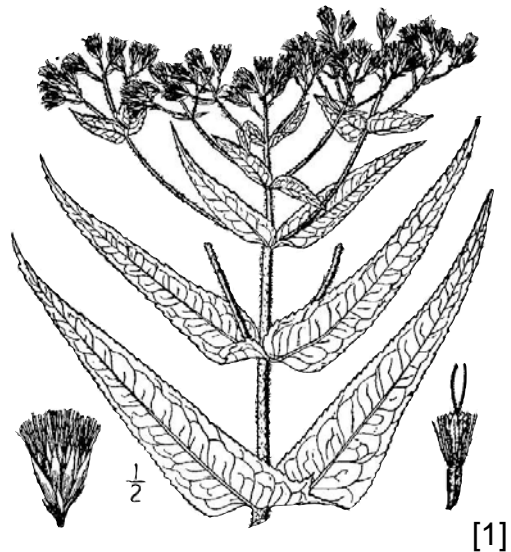
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# *Eupatorium perfoliatum*

common boneset

Other common names include: boneset



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 2-4' tall

Leaf: Opposite, serrate, pubescent, light or yellowish green, up to 8" long and 2" across, the leaf bases surround the central stem and merge together.

Stem: Covered in long, white hairs.

Flower: White, upper stems terminate in clusters of white flower heads, spanning about 2-8" across, each flowerhead is about 1/6" across and consists of about 15 disk florets with no ray florets (outer petals).

Seed collection\*\*: Early September - Early October [2]

**What it can be confused with:**

Common boneset tolerates flooded conditions better than many other boneset species. It can be distinguished from these other species by the perfoliate leaves that surround the central stem. The other species have opposite leaves that are sessile (no leaf stem) or have distinct petioles (leaf stem). All of these species have spreading clusters of white flowers with a similar appearance. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, and beetles. [3,4]

**Larval Host:** Many species of moth feed on various parts of the plant. [3]

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[2] <http://pleasantvalleyconservancy.org/seedcollectingtimes.html>

[3] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/cm\\_boneset.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/cm_boneset.htm)

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# *Eupatorium perfoliatum*

common boneset



Dan Tenaglia

Stems are covered in long, white hairs



Dan Tenaglia

Leaves are opposite and perfoliate, making stem appear to grow through one big leaf



Dan Tenaglia

Seeds are wind dispersed



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Composite flower heads are made up of many white disk flowers with no ray flowers (outer petals)

Dan Tenaglia

# *Eupatorium perfoliatum*

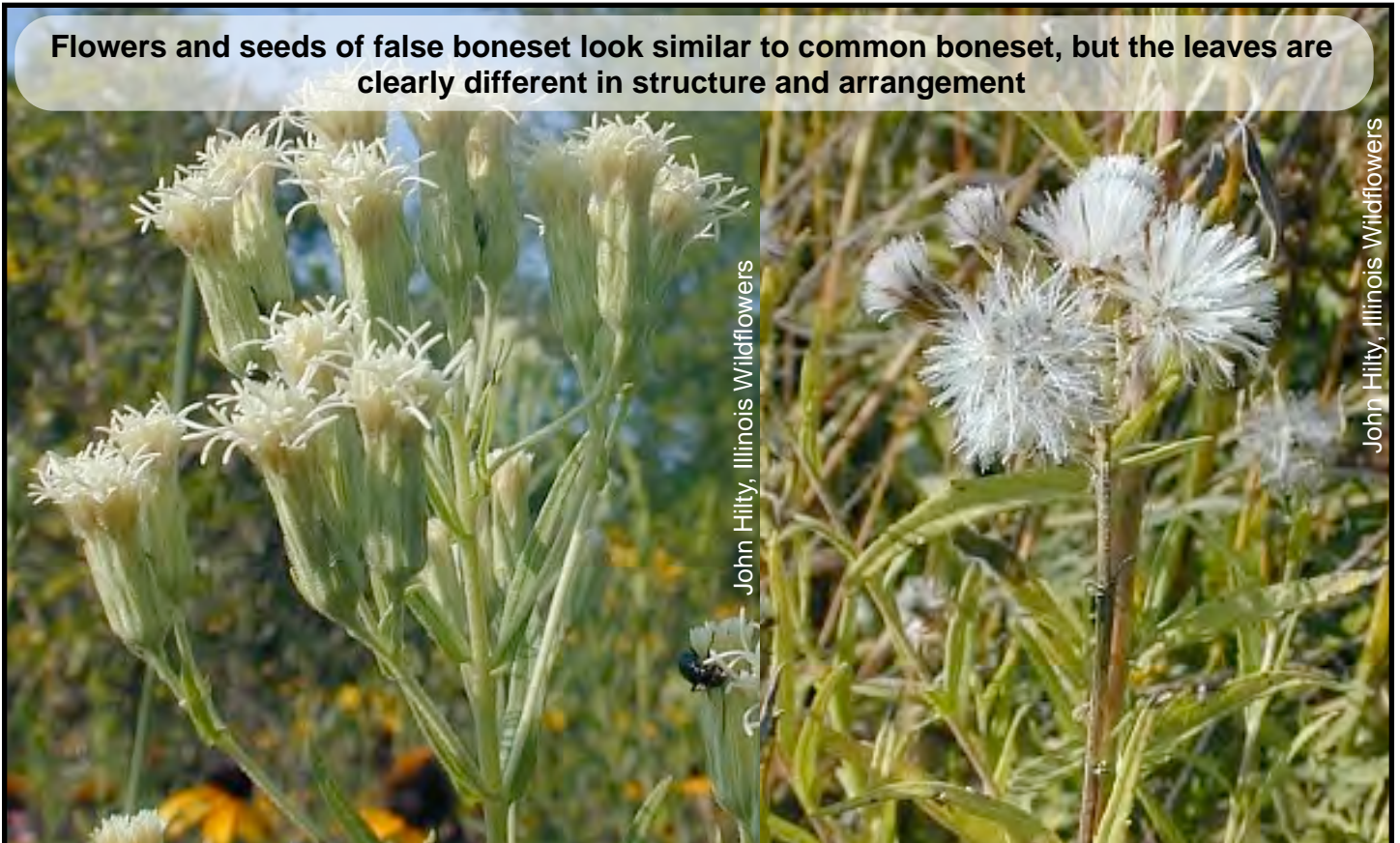
common boneset

## COMMON BONESET COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

*Eupatorium serotinum* - late boneset (see separate plant profile for key features)

*Brickellia eupatorioides* - false boneset

Flowers and seeds of false boneset look similar to common boneset, but the leaves are clearly different in structure and arrangement



Leaves are not perfoliate, but sessile (attaching directly to stem with no petiole) and alternate along the stem



Stem has fine, small hairs

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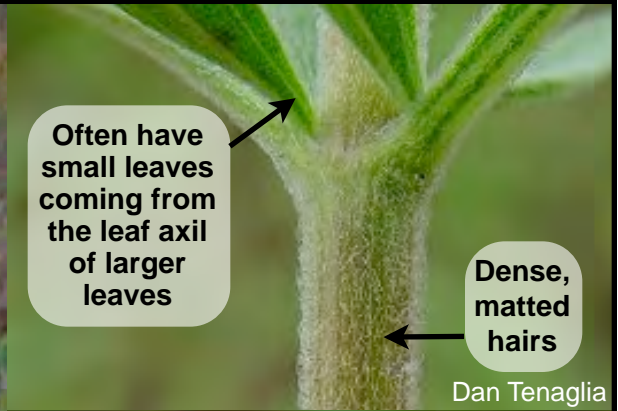


# *Eupatorium perfoliatum*

common boneset

## COMMON BONESET COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Eupatorium altissimum* - tall boneset



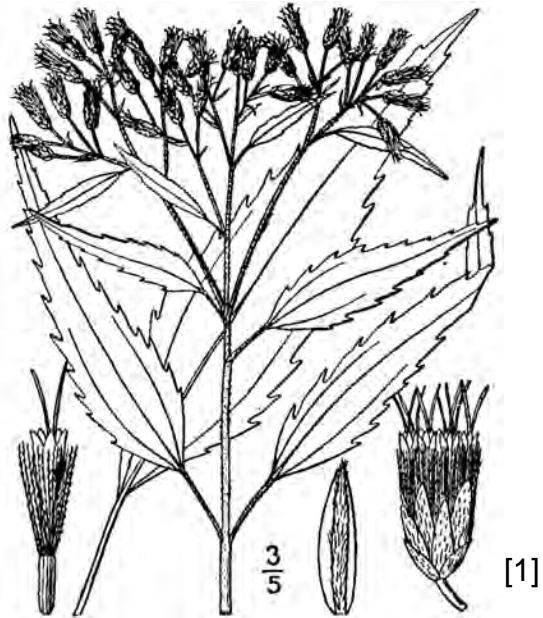
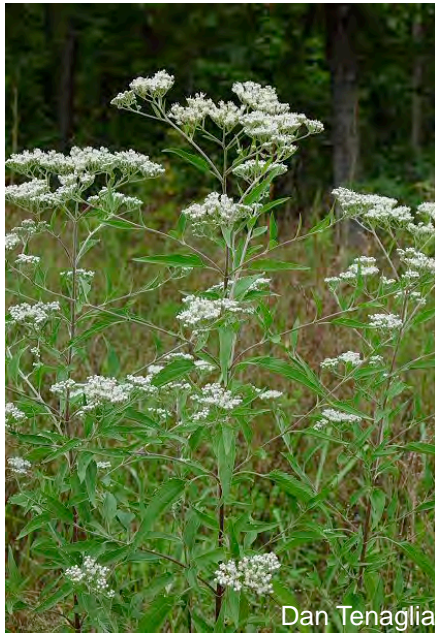
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# *Eupatorium serotinum*

late boneset

Other common names include: late flowering thoroughwort, white boneset, late-flowering boneset



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X	X		

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 3-6' tall

Leaf: The leaves are primarily opposite, although the upper leaves near the flowerheads sometimes alternate. These leaves are up to 7" long and 2½" across, with petioles up to 1" long. They are lanceolate, largely hairless, with coarse serration along the margins, and there are 5 veins that diverge from the base.

Stem: It is largely unbranched below, but forms occasional side stems toward the apex. The stems have indistinct lines of white hairs, and are generally pubescent.

Flower: White, upper stems terminate in clusters of white flowerheads which consist of about 12 disk florets with no ray florets (outer petals). Each disk floret is narrow and tubular, with 5 small triangular lobes (petals) at the top and a long white style that clearly protrudes from each floret.

Seed collection\*\*: Mid October - Early November [2]

**What it can be confused with:**

The flowers of late boneset closely resemble those of other bonesets, such as *Eupatorium altissimum* (tall boneset) and *Eupatorium perfoliatum* (common boneset), in both color and structure. These bonesets can be distinguished readily from each other by looking at and comparing their leaves. Tall boneset has leaves that are pubescent, more narrow, and less coarsely serrated than late boneset, while common boneset has leaves that wrap around the stem and are without petioles. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths, skippers, and beetles [3,4]

**Larval Host:** Many species of moth feed on various parts of the plant. [3]

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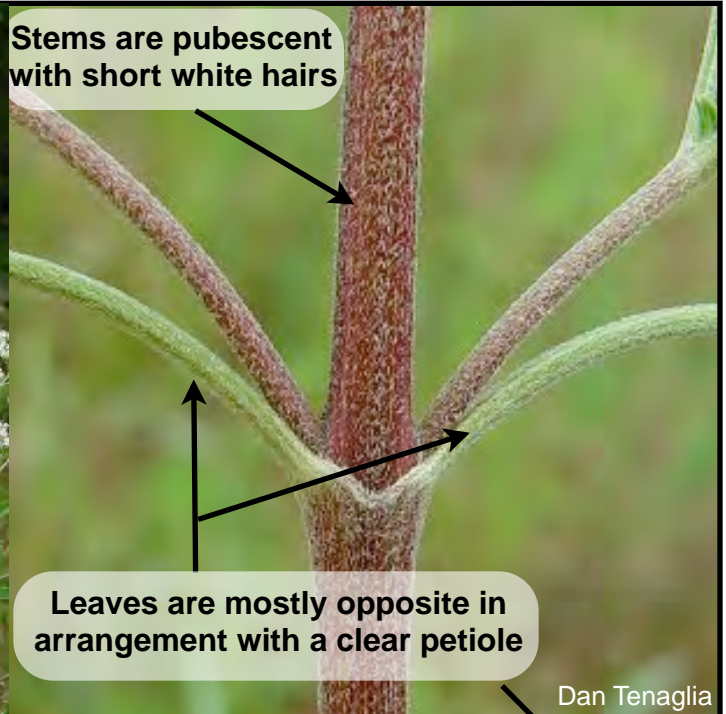
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[3] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/late\\_bonesetx.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/late_bonesetx.htm)

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# *Eupatorium serotinum*

late boneset



# *Eupatorium serotinum*

late boneset

## LATE BONESET COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

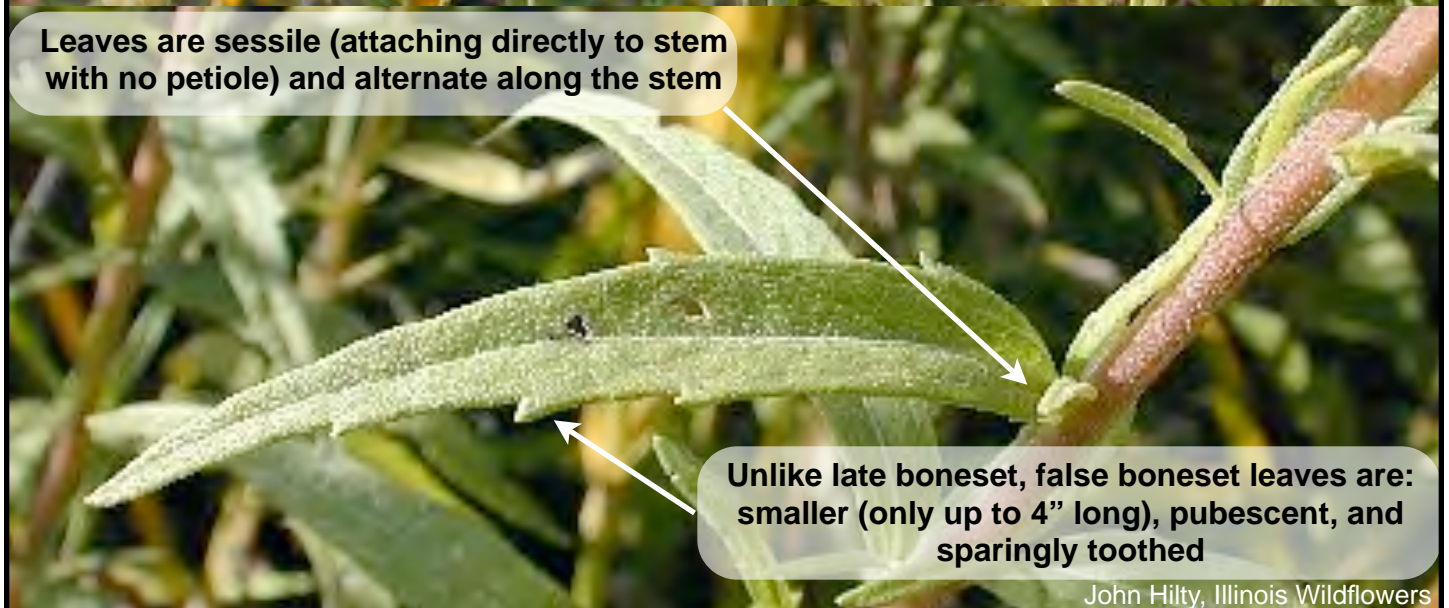
*Eupatorium perfoliatum* - common boneset (see separate plant profile for key features)

*Brickellia eupatorioides* - false boneset

Flowers and seeds of false boneset look similar to late boneset, but the leaves are clearly different in structure and arrangement



Leaves are sessile (attaching directly to stem with no petiole) and alternate along the stem



Unlike late boneset, false boneset leaves are: smaller (only up to 4" long), pubescent, and sparingly toothed

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# *Eupatorium serotinum*

late boneset

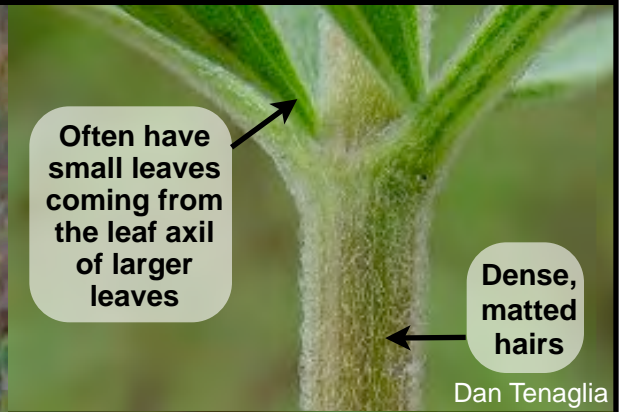
## LATE BONESET COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Eupatorium altissimum* - tall boneset



Flowers and seeds of tall boneset look similar to common boneset, but the leaves are clearly different in structure

Dan Tenaglia



Often have small leaves coming from the leaf axil of larger leaves

Dense, matted hairs

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Leaves are not perfoliate and have 3 main veins

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*Heliopsis helianthoides*

oxeye sunflower

Other common names include: smooth oxeye, common oxeye, sunflower heliopsis, &amp; false sunflower

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 3-5' tallLeaf: Opposite, toothed, 2½-5" long and 1-3½" across, medium to dark green, pubescent.Stem: Light green to reddish green, variably pubescent or hairy, and terete to slightly angular.Flower: Yellow, 1½-3" across, 8-20 ray florets surround numerous disk florets.Seed collection\*\*: Late September - October**What it can be confused with:**

*Heliopsis helianthoides* is not considered a true sunflower (*Helianthus* spp.) because both the ray and disk florets of its flowerheads can produce seeds. In contrast, only the disk florets of true sunflowers can produce seeds. Both of these species are relatively large and robust plants that produce showy flowerheads with yellow rays, and they prefer habitats that are at least partly sunny. Oxeye sunflower resembles many sunflower species, particularly those that are found in and around woodlands. In addition to the difference in the fertility of their florets, oxeye sunflower can be distinguished by its more erect flowerheads, by the rather stout and blunt-tipped phyllaries (sepal-like bracts) on its flowerheads, and by the arrangement of its outer phyllaries in a single series. In contrast, most sunflower species have flowerheads that nod sideways, their phyllaries are either more slender (linear-lanceolate in shape) or they are triangular with acute tips, and they have several overlapping series of outer phyllaries. [2]

**Known Pollinators:**

Hummingbirds, honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, and beetles. [2,3]

**Larval Host:** Rigid sunflower borer moth and tischeriid moth. [2]

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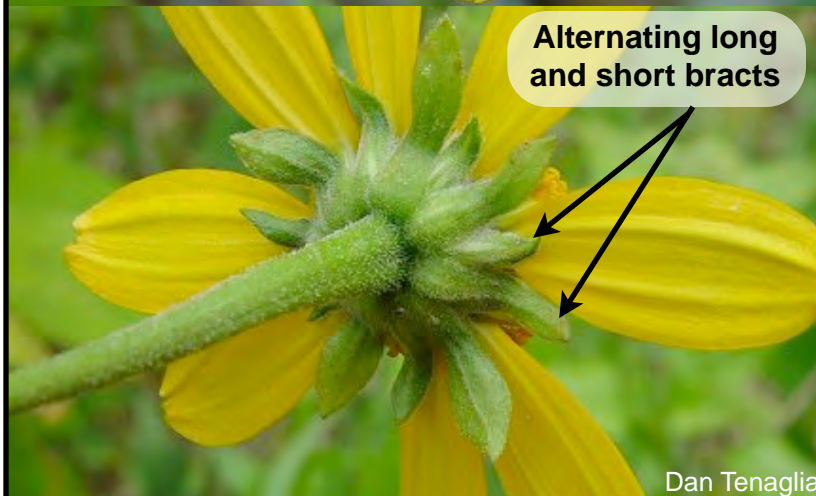
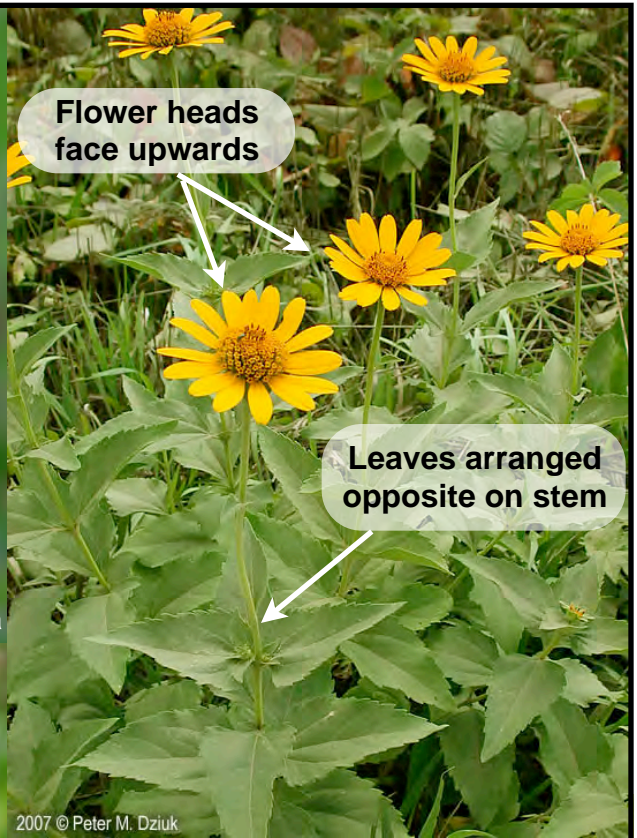
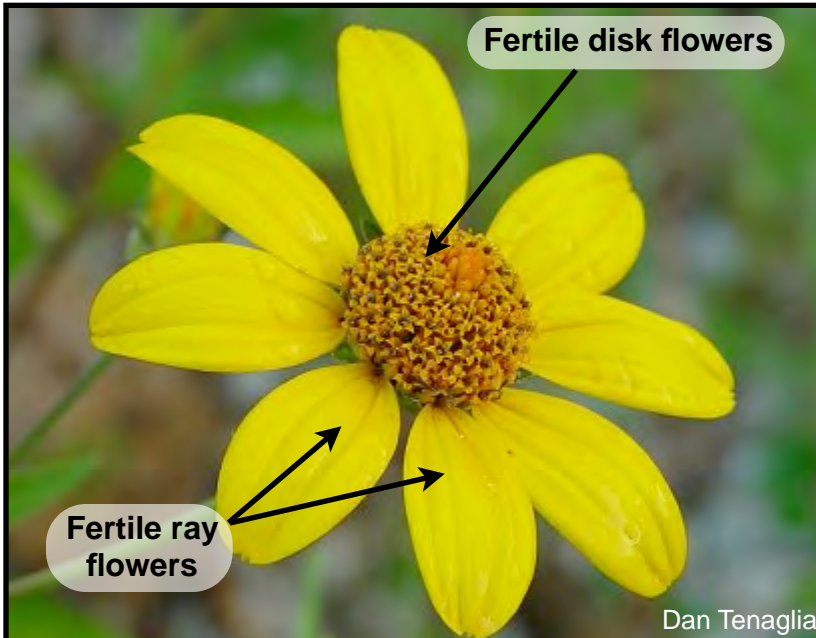
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[2] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/fs\\_sunflowerx.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/prairie/plantx/fs_sunflowerx.htm)

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# *Heliopsis helianthoides*

oxeye sunflower



# *Heliopsis helianthoides*

oxeye sunflower

## OXEYE SUNFLOWER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Helianthus grosseserratus* - sawtooth sunflower



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- Glaucous stem
- Long, slender, multilayered phyllaries (bracts)
- Longer, thinner, coarsely toothed leaves
- Flower heads tend to nod to the side



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### *Helianthus hirsutus* - hairy sunflower



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- Stem is green to reddish purple with small hairs
- Lanceolate, multilayered phyllaries (bracts)
- Lanceolate, lightly toothed leaves
- Flower heads tend to nod to the side



# *Heliopsis helianthoides*

oxeye sunflower

**OXEYE SUNFLOWER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

*Helianthus tuberosus* - Jerusalem artichoke



- The stem is green or reddish and covered with stiff hairs, giving it a rough feel
- Wider, wedge-shaped, multilayered phyllaries (bracts)
- Leaf edges are serrated to nearly toothless
- Attachment is opposite but may be alternate near the top of the plant
- Flower heads tend to nod to the side



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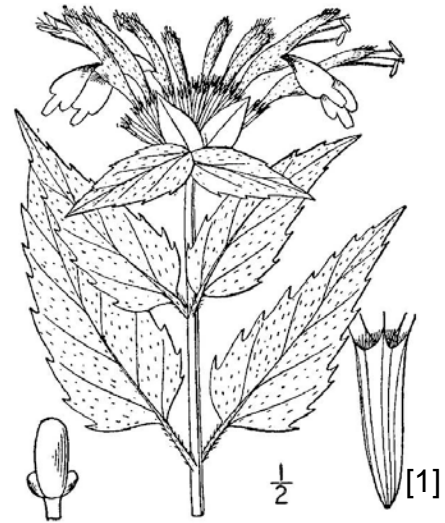
# Monarda fistulosa

wild bergamot

Other common names include: beebalm, horsemint, and mint-leaf bea-balm



Amber Barnes



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 2-5' tall

Leaf: Opposite, toothed, up to 4" long and 2" across, vary in color from light green to dark green-sometimes with yellow or red tints.

Stem: The light green stems are square-shaped and hairless.

Flower: Lilac or pink, flower heads are 1-3" across, each flower is about 1" long, with an irregular shape.

Seed Collection\*\*: Mid September - October

**What it can be confused with:**

Wild bergamot can be distinguished from other *Monarda* spp. by the color of its flowers – the petals of its flowers are solid pink or lavender. Other species have flowers with red, purple, or white petals, or they have dark purple dots on the lower lips of their petals. [2]

**Known Pollinators:**

Bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, and moths. [3]

**Larval Hosts:**

*Sphinx eremitus* (hermit sphinx moth) and *Agriopodes teratophora* (gray marvel moth) feed on the foliage. [3]

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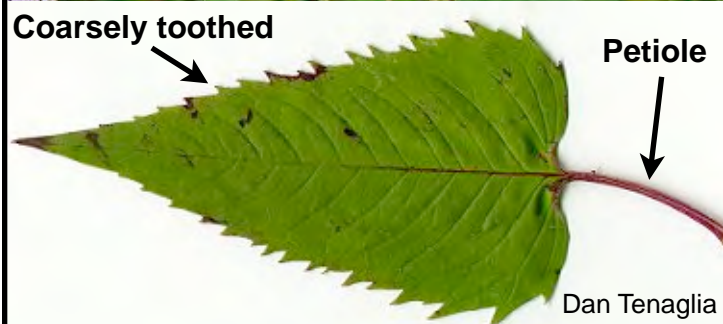
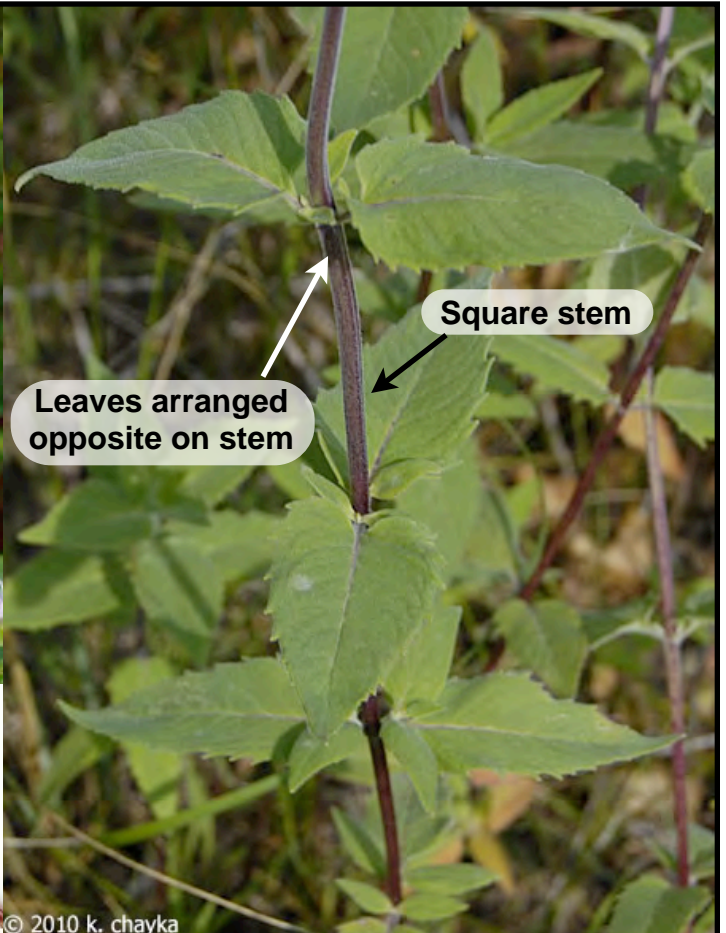
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# *Monarda fistulosa*

wild bergamot

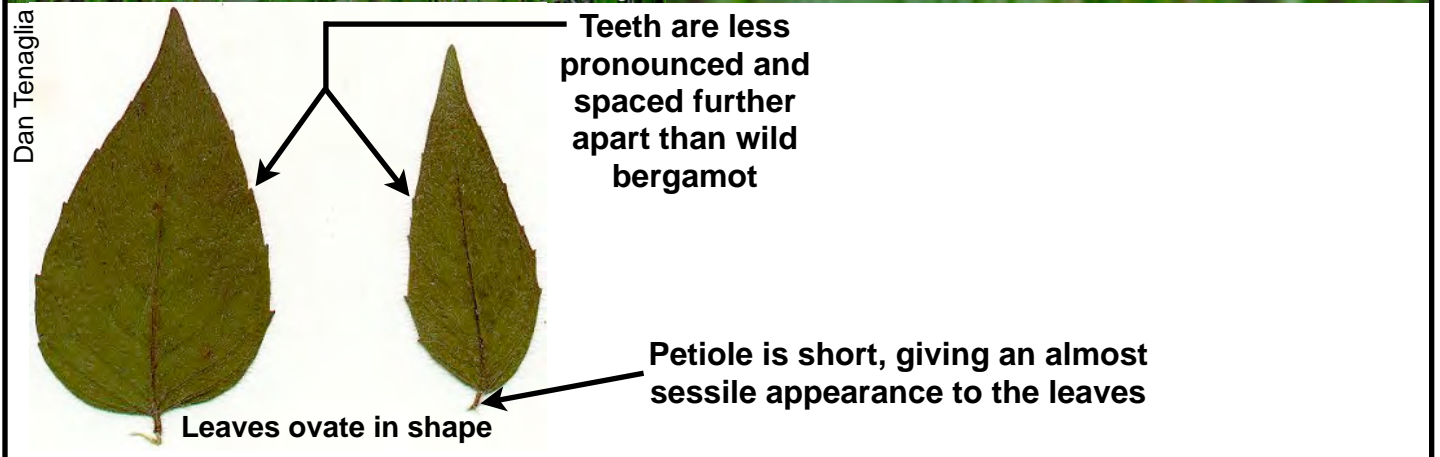


# Monarda fistulosa

wild bergamot

## WILD BERGAMOT COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

Monarda bradburiana - eastern beebalm



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*Penstemon digitalis*

foxglove beardtongue

Other common names include: foxglove penstemon, Mississippi penstemon/beardtongue, smooth white penstemon/beardtongue, and talus slope penstemon/beardtongue



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**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
				X	X	X					

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 3' tallLeaf: Rosettes of basal leaves; 6" long and 2 1/2" wide; smooth margins; medium green with reddish tints. Stalk leaves opposite; up to 6" long and 2 1/2" wide; edges with tiny teeth and surface shiny.Stem: Light green, hairlessFlower: Upper stems terminate in panicles (branching cluster) of white flowers. Each flower is tubular and about 1" long, consisting of a white corolla (petals) with a lower lip of 3 lobes and an upper lip of 2 lobes. Occasionally thin, violet lines within the corolla; outer surface is hairy. The flower, calyx and flower stalks are all densely covered in short, sticky, glandular hairs.Seed collection\*\*: September**What it can be confused with:**

Foxglove beardtongue is distinguishable from other penstemons (*Penstemon* spp.) by its hairless leaves and stems, primarily white corolla, tiny hairs on anthers, and absence of ridges inside the corolla. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honeybees, bumblebees, native bees, butterflies, Sphinx moths, and hummingbirds. [3]

**Larval Host:** Chalcedony midget moth and baltimore butterfly. [3]

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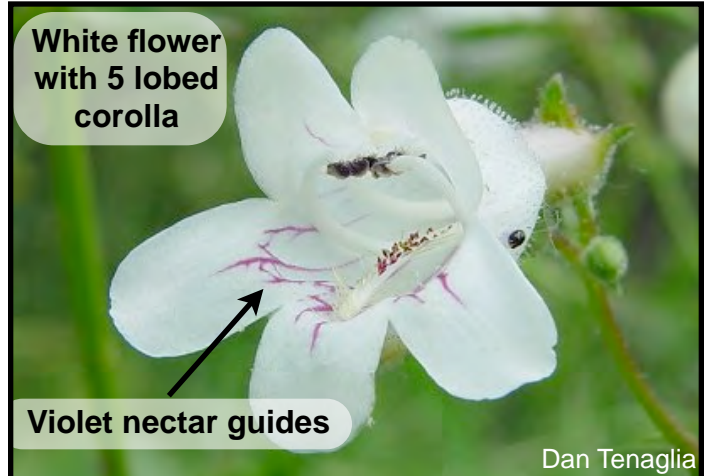
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# *Penstemon digitalis*

foxglove beardtongue



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White flower with 5 lobed corolla

Violet nectar guides

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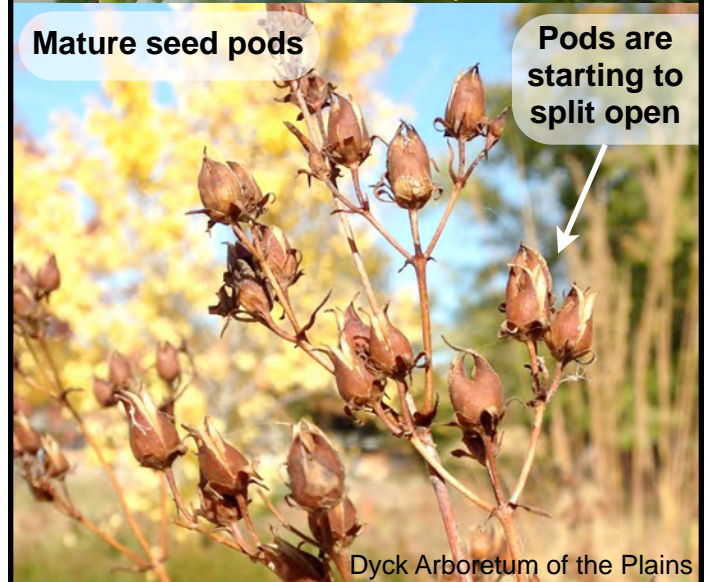
Hairless, opposite, slightly toothed leaves

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Glandular hairs on flower, flower stem and calyx

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Mature seed pods

Pods are starting to split open

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Cleaned Seeds

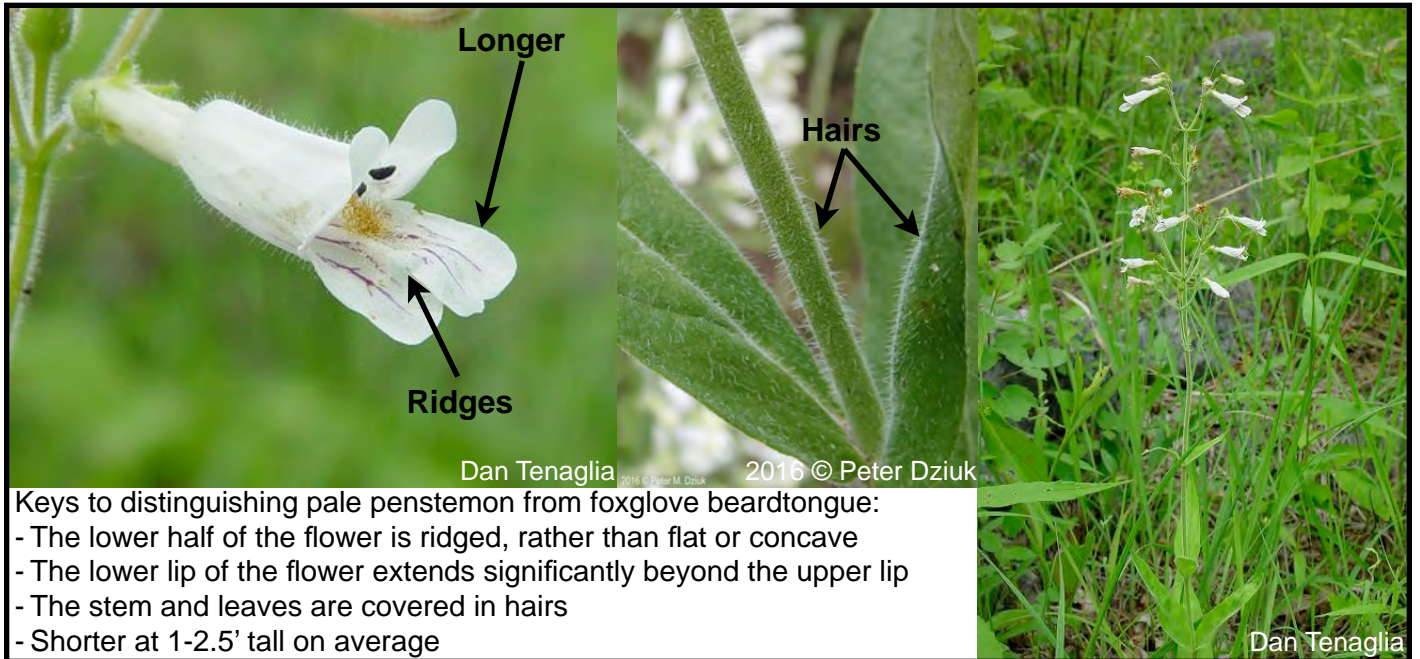
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# *Penstemon digitalis*

foxglove beardtongue

**FOXGLOVE BEARDTONGUE COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

## *Penstemon pallidus* - pale penstemon



Keys to distinguishing pale penstemon from foxglove beardtongue:

- The lower half of the flower is ridged, rather than flat or concave
- The lower lip of the flower extends significantly beyond the upper lip
- The stem and leaves are covered in hairs
- Shorter at 1-2.5' tall on average

## *Penstemon calycosus* - long-sepal penstemon



Keys to distinguishing long-sepal penstemon from foxglove beardtongue:

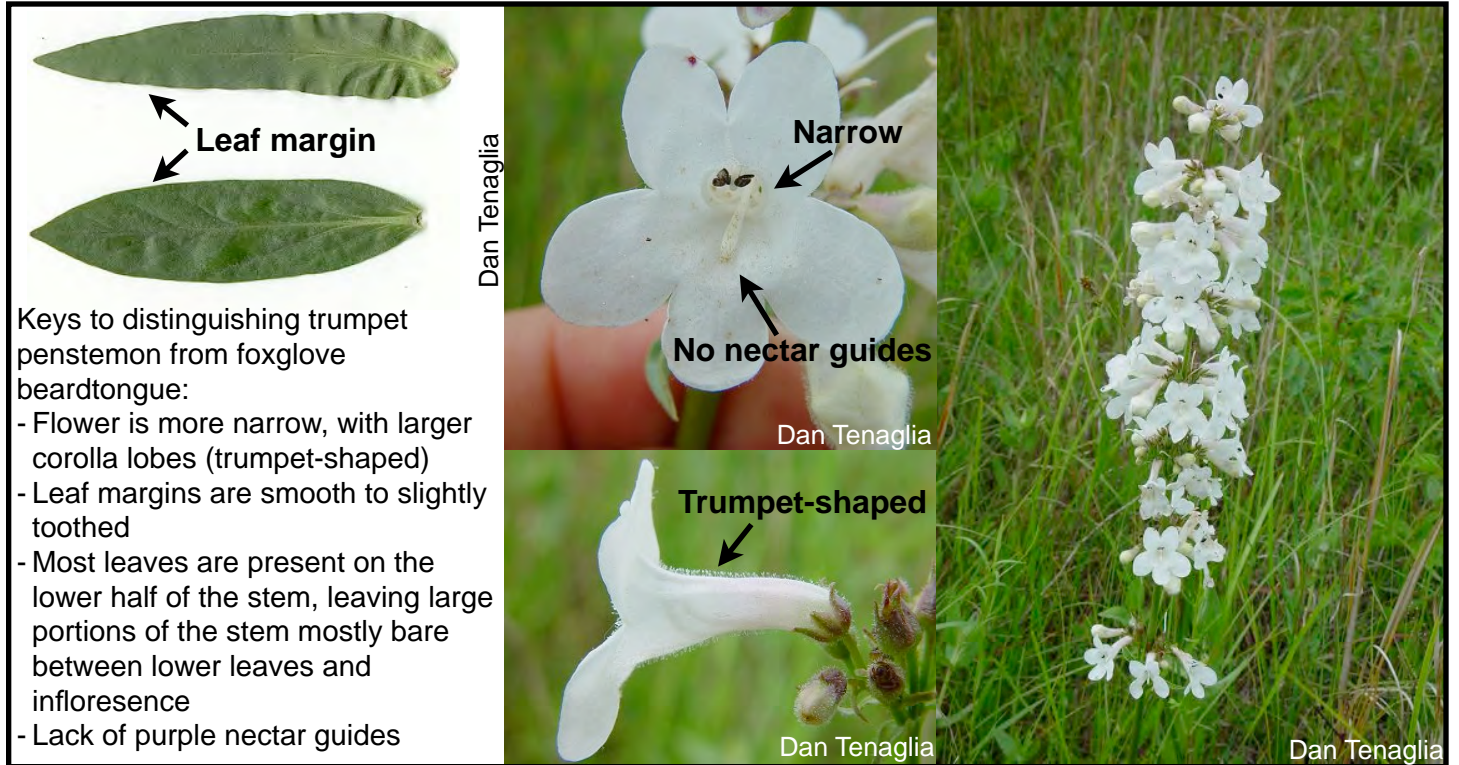
- The sepals are longer
- Has light violet or purple flowers
- The stem sometimes has fine white hairs
- Leaves have more widely spaced teeth

# *Penstemon digitalis*

foxglove beardtongue

**FOXGLOVE BEARDTONGUE COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

*Penstemon tubaeflorus* - trumpet penstemon



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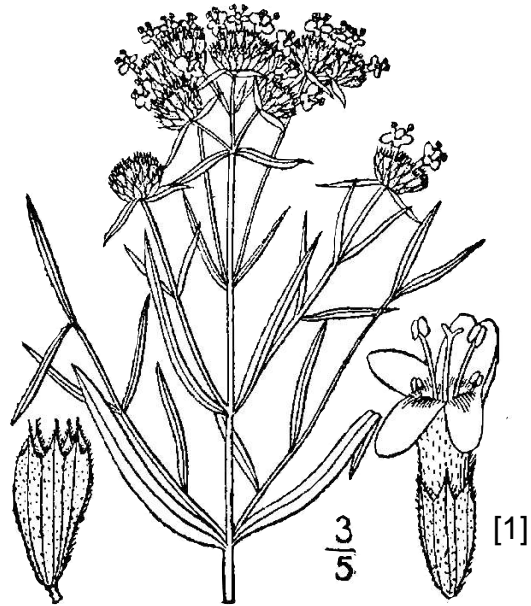
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*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*

narrowleaf mountainmint

Other common names include: slender mountain mint and common horsemint

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 2-3' tallLeaf: Opposite; up to 3" long and ¼" across. Leaves have no petiole (leaf stem), are linear, and hairless, with a prominent central vein and smooth edges. Leaves smell minty when crushed.Stem: Stiff, smooth, slender, square stem, with no hairs.Flower: The short tubular flowers are white, often with scattered purple dots, and individually about ¼" long.

The flower petals have an upper lip, and three-lobed lower lip.

Seed collection\*\*: Late September - Late October [2]**What it can be confused with:**

This plant has a delicate, somewhat airy appearance. *P. tenuifolium* closely resembles *Pycnanthemum virginianum* (Virginia mountainmint), except that the *P. tenuifolium* has hairless stems and leaves that never exceed ¼" across. *P. virginianum*, on the other hand, has lines of white hairs on its stems, and some of the larger leaves will exceed ¼" across. *P. virginianum* tends to be taller, stouter, and less branched in appearance; it also blooms a little later in the year. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honey bees, native bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, skippers, and beetles. [3]

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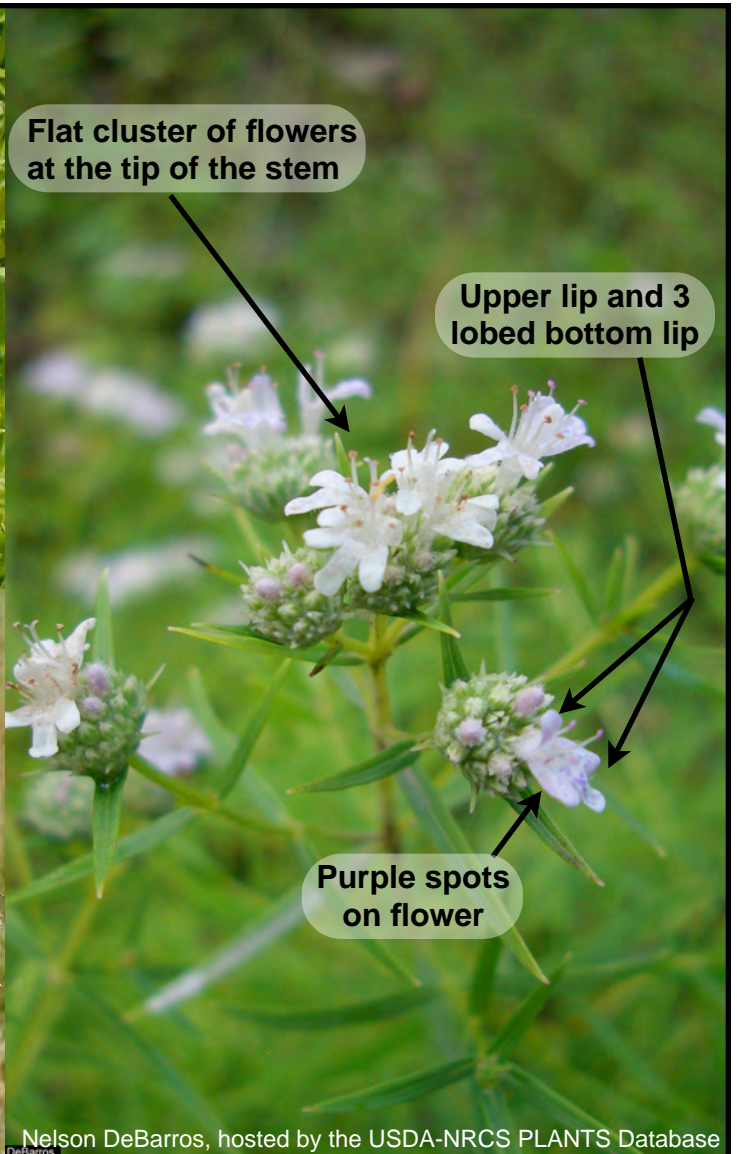
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# *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*

narrowleaf mountainmint

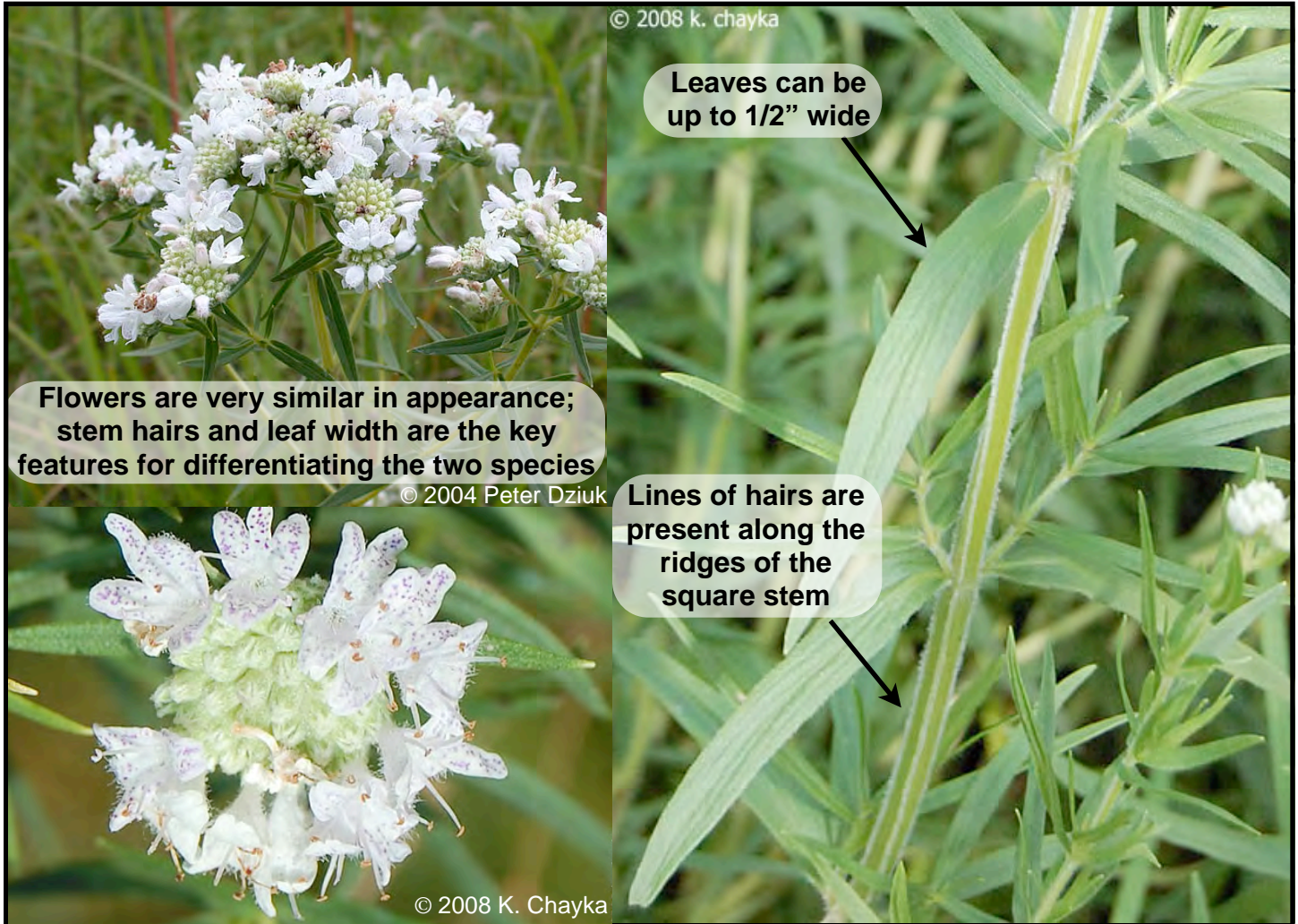


# *Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*

narrowleaf mountainmint

## NARROWLEAF MOUNTAINMINT COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

*Pycnanthemum virginianum* - Virginia mountainmint



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# Ratibida pinnata

yellow coneflower

Other common names include: gray-headed coneflower, grayhead coneflower, gray-headed Mexican hat, grayhead Mexican hat, and pinnate prairie coneflower



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 3-5' tall

Leaf: Alternate; irregularly shaped; up to 8" long and 5" wide; basal leaves are compound with 3-7 lobes, sometimes with 1-2 secondary lobes; small, stiff hairs and bumps, smooth or sparsely toothed.

Stem: Long, slender, hairy, and slightly ridged.

Flower: Composite flower occurs at the tip of the stem; up to 13 yellow ray florets (outer petals) up to 1-2½" wide, disk floret head ½-¾" tall; little to no floral scent.

Seed collection\*\*: September - Early October [2]

**What it can be confused with:**

Yellow coneflower can be distinguished from other yellow colored coneflowers like *Rudbeckia hirta* (black-eyed Susan) and *Rudbeckia laciniata* (cutleaf coneflower) by the drooping ray florets, grayish central cone, ridged stem, height, and complex structure of the basal leaves. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Native bees, wasps, flies, small butterflies, and beetles. [3]

**Larval Host:** Silvery checkerspot butterfly, wavy-lined emerald moth, and common eupithecia moth. [3]

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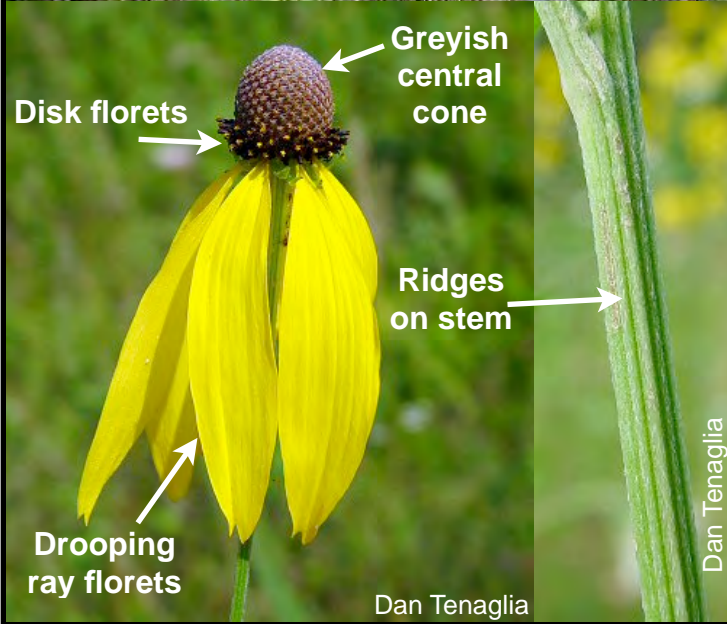
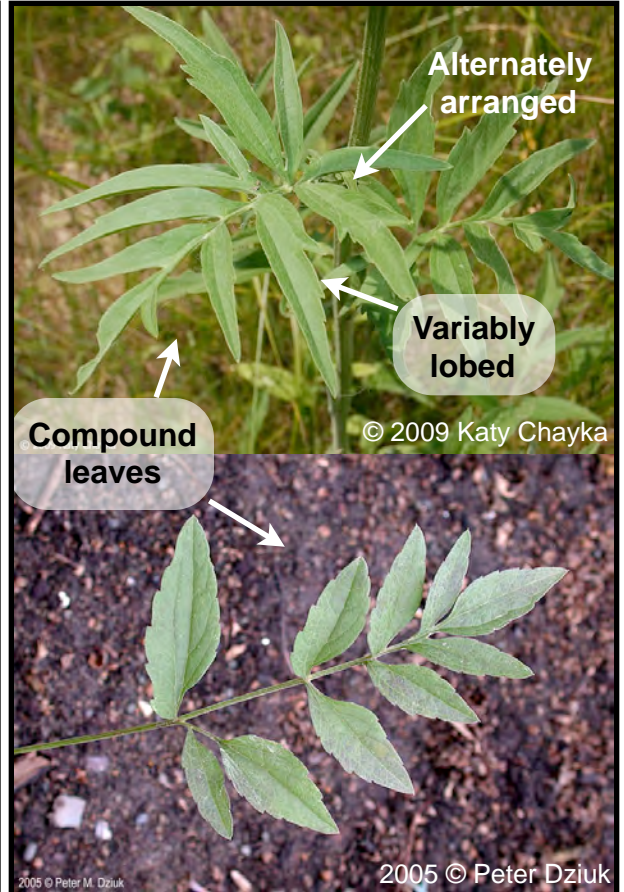
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# *Ratibida pinnata* yellow coneflower

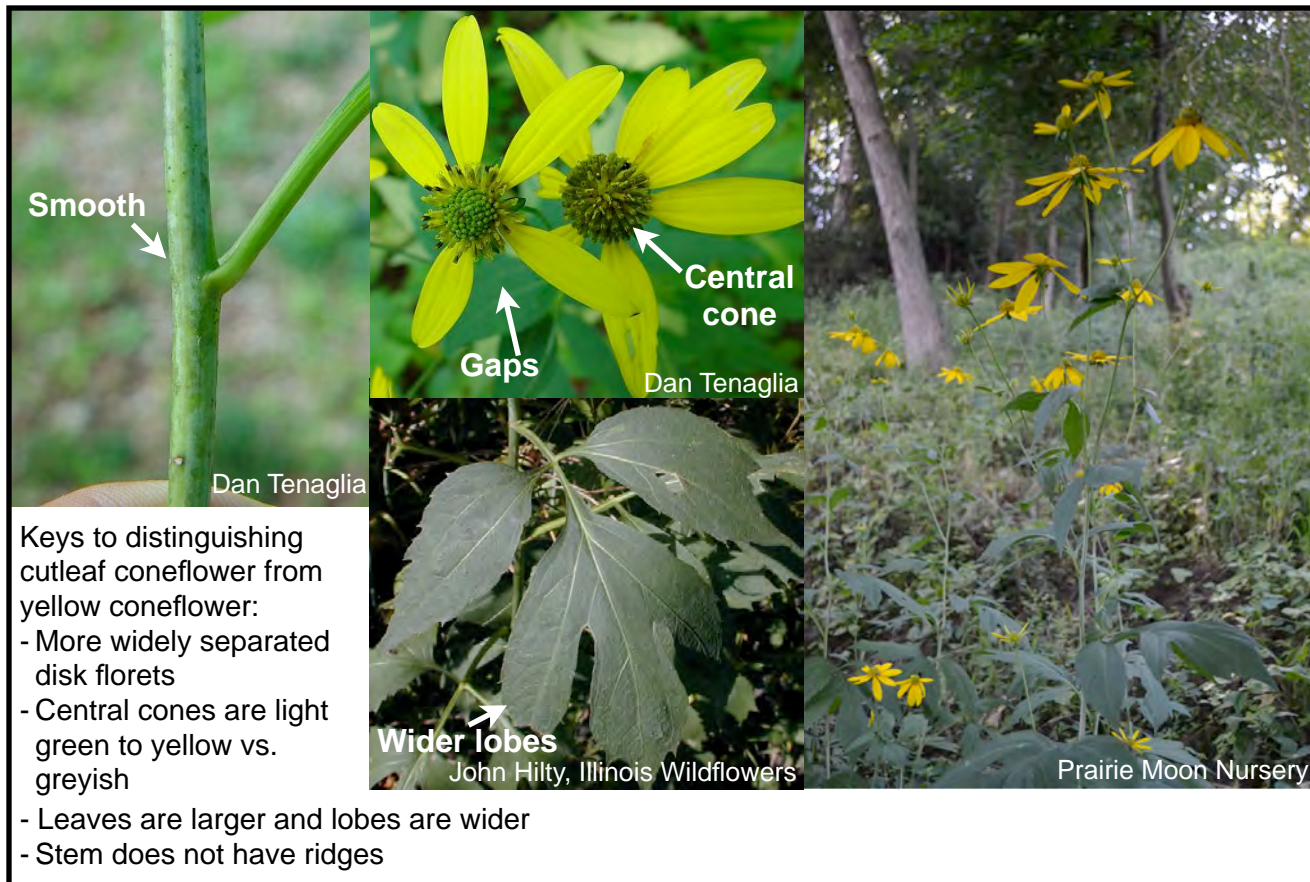


# *Ratibida pinnata*

yellow coneflower

## YELLOW CONEFLOWER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

*Rudbeckia laciniata* - cutleaf coneflower



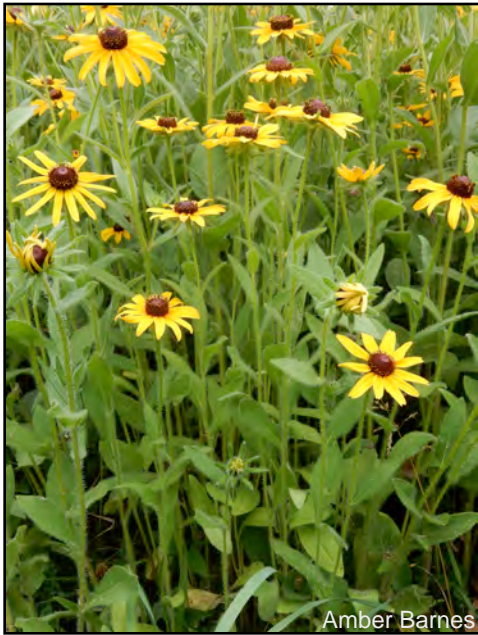
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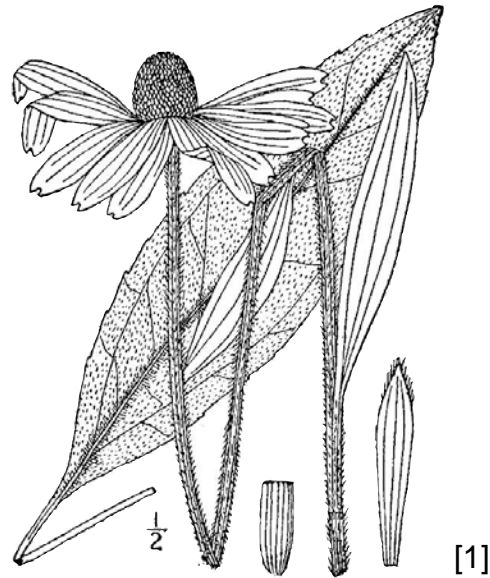
# Rudbeckia hirta

black-eyed Susan

Other common names include: common black-eyed Susan and brown-eyed Susan



Amber Barnes



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X			

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Biennial

Type: Forb

Size: 1-2.5' tall

Leaf: Alternate, greyish green, up to 7" long and 2" across, pubescent (covered in small hairs).

Stem: Upper stem is devoid of leaves and has long, white hairs.

Flower: Yellow, 2-3" across, 8-20 yellow ray florets surround a cone-shaped group of brown disk florets.

Seed collection\*\*: Mid September - Mid October [2]

**What it can be confused with:**

Black-eyed Susan can be distinguished from other *Rudbeckia* spp. by its lanceolate hairy leaves and the long hairs on the stems; most of the leaves occur toward the base of each stem, and never have lobes. The species *Rudbeckia fulgida* (orange coneflower) is quite similar in appearance, but usually blooms later, and has style-tips that are shorter and more rounded. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, and beetles. [3]

**Larval Host:**

Gorgone checkerspot, bordered patch butterfly. [4]

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# Rudbeckia hirta

black-eyed Susan

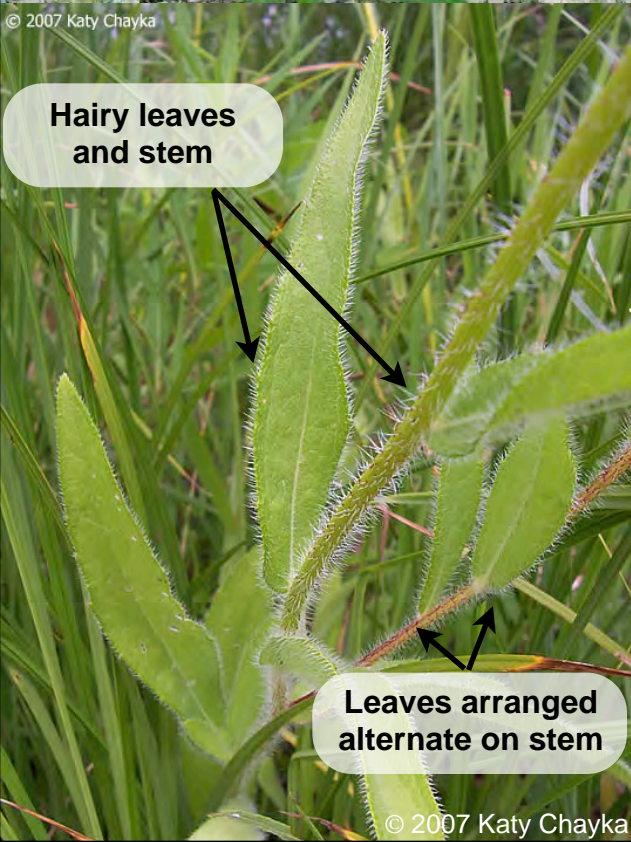


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Hairy leaves and stem

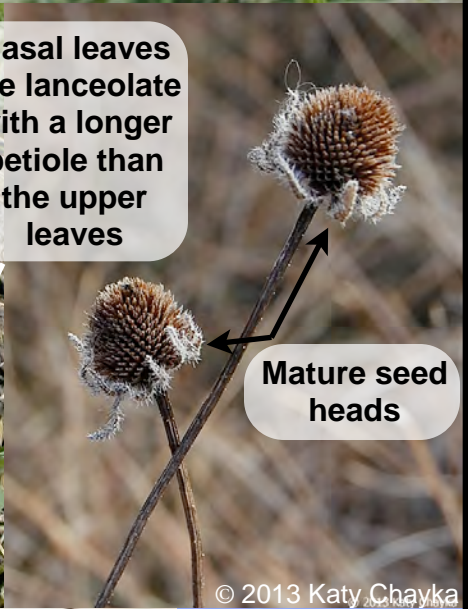
Leaves arranged alternate on stem

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Basal leaves are lanceolate with a longer petiole than the upper leaves



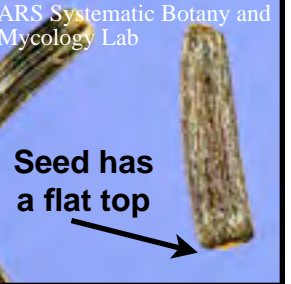
Mature seed heads

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Seed has a flat top



# Rudbeckia hirta

black-eyed Susan

**BLACK-EYED SUSAN COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

Rudbeckia fulgida - orange coneflower

Dan Tenaglia

The mid and basal leaves have a long thin petiole on an ovate leaf

While both varieties are still hairy, they are noticeably less hairy than the black-eyed Susan

Two varieties of orange coneflower can be found in the region, but each can be differentiated from black-eyed Susan based on their: leaves, seeds, and stems

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The *sullivantii* variety has a clearly winged petiole

The end of the orange coneflower seed has small teeth, while the black-eyed Susan seed does not

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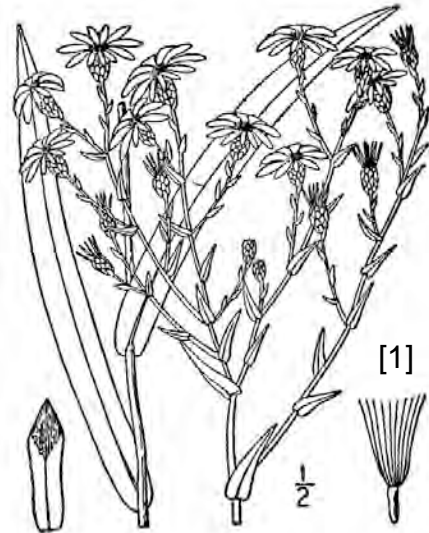
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*Symphotrichum laeve*

smooth blue aster

Other common names include: smooth aster and smooth american aster

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
							X	X	X		

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 1½ - 3' tallLeaf: Alternate; up to 6" long and 1¼" wide; smooth or bluntly toothed margins. Upper leaf surfaces are medium to grayish blue, hairless, and sometimes glaucous (a whitish film that rubs off); lower leaf surfaces are light green or light grayish blue, hairless, and sometimes glaucous.Stem: Light green or light blue and hairlessFlower: Central stem terminates in a panicle (branching cluster) of flower heads and lateral upper stems and upper leaves may terminate in smaller panicles. Each flower is about ½-1" wide, consisting of 15-30 ray florets (outer petals) surrounding a head of disk florets. Ray flowers are light lavender or rarely white; disk florets are 5 lobed (petaled) and turn from whitish yellow to purplish red during blooming.Seed collection\*\*: Early - Mid November.**What it can be confused with:**

Smooth blue aster is easily distinguished from other asters (*Symphotrichum* spp.) due to its bluish tint and smooth leaves and stem. Other asters typically have hair on either the leaves or stem. One species which is similar to smooth blue aster is the sky blue aster, which grows in similar habitat and blooms around the same time. The keys to distinguishing the two are the leaves and flowers. The leaves of smooth blue aster are sessile (no petiole) all along the stem. Sky blue aster, on the other hand, only has sessile leaves on the top half of the plant, the lower and basal leaves have clear petioles. Additionally, sky blue aster has smaller flowers, averaging about ½" across, while smooth blue aster is about ½-1" across. [2,3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Honeybees, bumblebees, native bees, sphecid wasps, flies, butterflies, and skippers. [2]

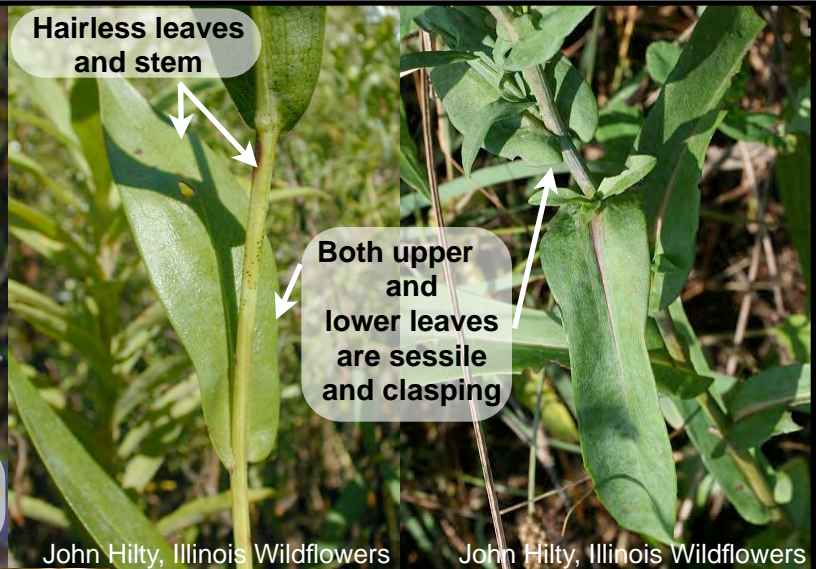
**Larval Host:** Leaf-mining fly, papery blister gall midge, pearl crescent butterfly. [2]

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# *Symphyotrichum laeve*

smooth blue aster

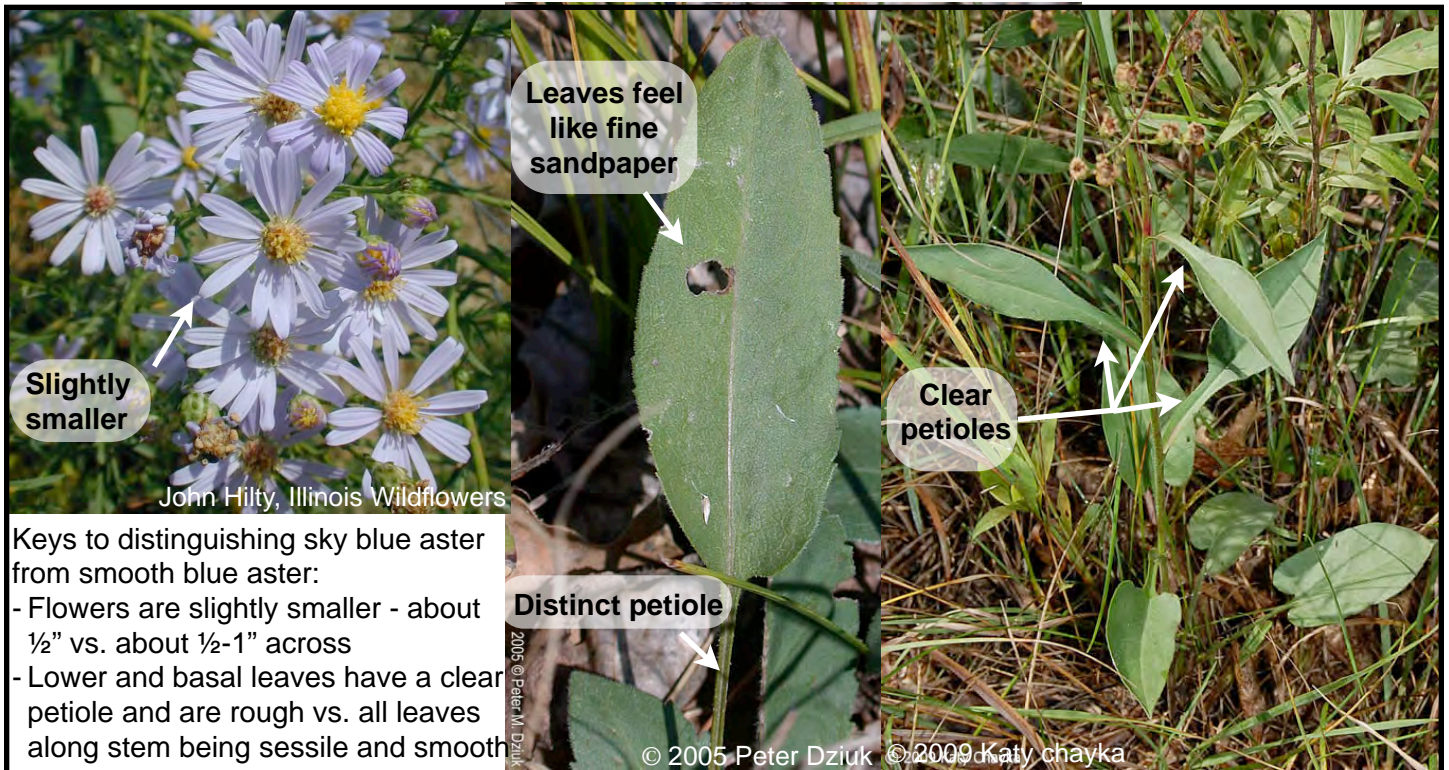


# *Symphotrichum laeve*

smooth blue aster

## SMOOTH BLUE ASTER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Symphotrichum oolentangiense* - sky blue aster



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# *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*

New England aster

Other common names include: New England American aster and Michaelmas daisy



## Bloom Period:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X			

## Plant Characteristics:

**Duration:** Perennial

**Type:** Herb

**Size:** 4' tall

**Leaf:** Alternate; up to 4" long and 1" wide; pubescent with smooth, but ciliate margins (lined with small hairs), clasping, becoming smaller as they ascend the stems.

**Stem:** Single or multiple from the base, mostly erect, brown to reddish, and covered in short, spreading hairs.

**Flower:** Upper stems terminate in clusters of composite flowers. Each flower is about 1½" wide, consisting of yellow or gold disk florets, surrounded by 30-100 purple, lavender, or light pink ray florets (outer petals); no floral scent.

**Seed collection\*\*:** Early - Mid November

## What it can be confused with:

New England aster is easily distinguished from other asters (*Symphotrichum* spp.) because of its more numerous ray florets, larger flowers, and hairy spreading phyllaries. Another large-flowered aster it could potentially be mistaken for is the purple-stemmed aster (*Symphotrichum puniceum*). The two species can be distinguished by a few key features observed on the leaves and phyllaries. New England aster can be differentiated from purple-stemmed aster by: the smooth leaf margin vs. widely toothed leaf margin, the variably pubescent leaves vs. glabrous leaves with hairs along the central veins of their underside, and the hairy spreading phyllaries vs. smooth spreading phyllaries. [2,3]

## Known Pollinators:

Honeybees, bumblebees, native bees, bee flies, butterflies, and skippers. [2]

**Larval Host:** Many species of moths. [2]

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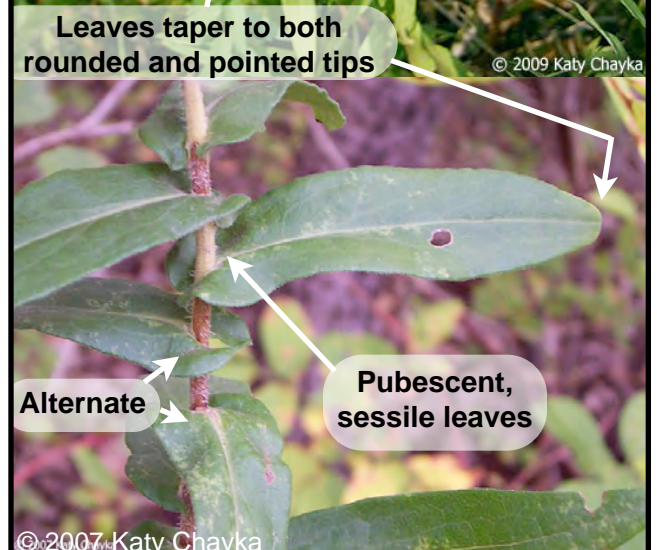
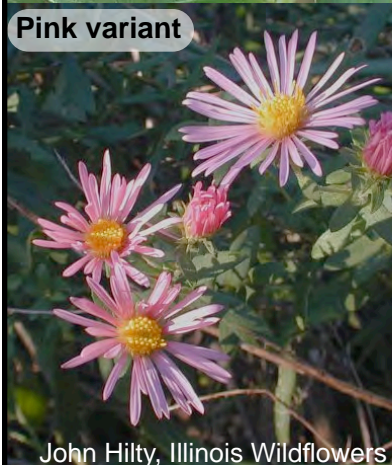
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# *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*

New England aster

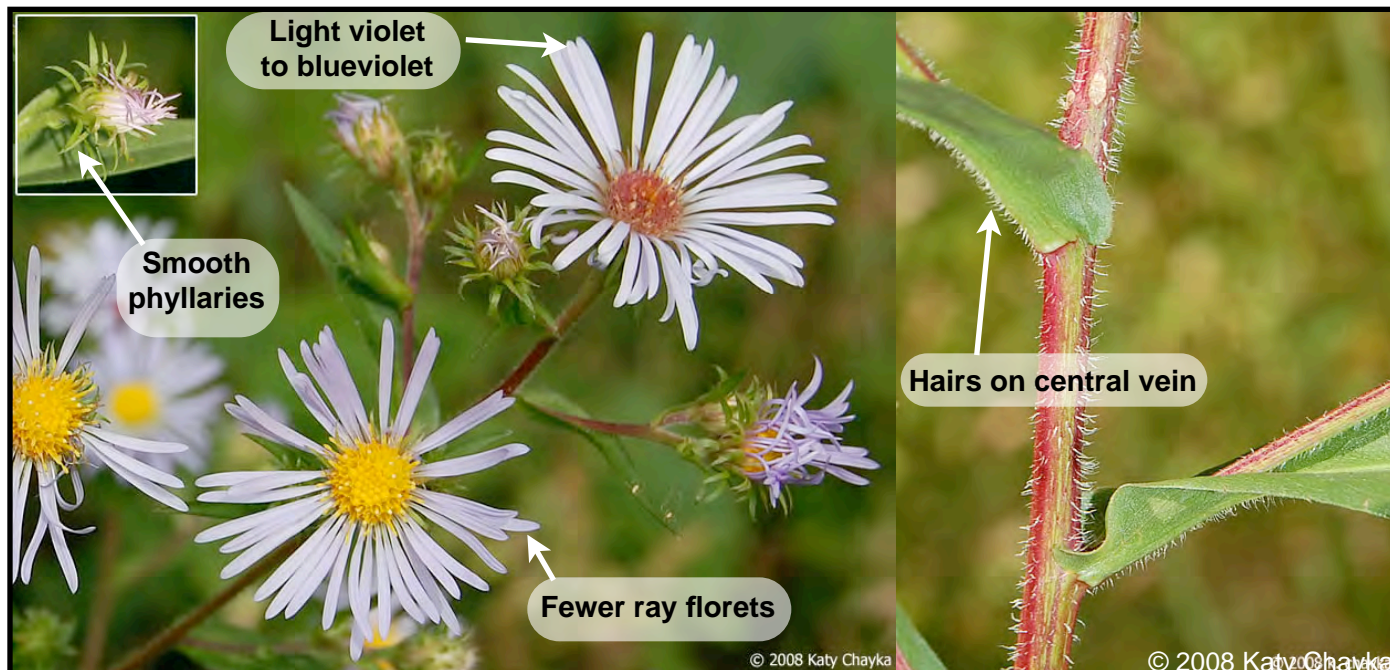


# *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*

New England aster

## NEW ENGLAND ASTER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Symphotrichum puniceum* - purple-stemmed aster



Keys to distinguishing purple-stemmed aster from New England aster:

- Ray petals are light violet to blue-violet vs. purple, lavender, or light pink
- Less ray petals (30-60) vs (30-100)
- Leaves are fairly hairless except along the central vein of the underside of the leaf vs. a variably pubescent leaf
- Leaf margin is widely toothed vs. smooth and ciliated
- Leaves taper to a sharp point vs. tapering to a pointed or rounded tip
- Phyllaries are hairless vs. covered in small hairs
- Flowers are slightly smaller:  $\frac{3}{4}$ – $1\frac{1}{4}$ " across vs.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "



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*Symphotrichum pilosum*

frost aster

Other common names include: hairy white oldfield aster and awl aster



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**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X	X		

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 1-5' tall

Leaf: Alternate. Leaves are mostly lance shaped, sometimes widest above the middle, 1-4" long, up to 1" wide, toothless or shallowly toothed, pointed at the tip, stalkless or nearly so, typically with clusters of secondary leaves developing from the primary leaf axils. Basal leaves are more spatula-shaped, rounded at the tip, with winged, sheathing stalks; basal and the lowest stem leaves wither away by flowering time. Leaf surfaces are sparsely to densely covered in long, spreading hairs, with shorter hairs all around the leaf edge.

Stem: Stems are single or multiple from the base, ascending to erect, light green, densely covered in long, spreading hairs. Lower stems can turn reddish brown and lose hair with age.

Flower: Ray color is white, rarely pinkish or pale violet. Branching clusters of stalked flowers at the top of the stem and arising from upper leaf axils. Branches are widely spreading, arching or ascending, with flowers usually all on one side of the branch. Flowers are 1/2-3/4" across with 15-35 petals (ray flowers) and a yellow center disk that turns reddish with age. Ray color is white, rarely pinkish or pale violet. [2]

Seed collection\*\*: Mid-Late October [3]

**What it can be confused with:**

The appearance of frost aster is similar to several other asters with small white flowerheads. It is often larger in size than these other species, although small specimens of frost aster also occur. Compared to the common panicled aster (*Symphotrichum lanceolatum*), the frost aster has more hairy foliage and it prefers drier habitats. Another similar species, the calico aster (*Symphotrichum lateriflorum*), has smaller flowerheads with fewer petaloid rays than those of the frost aster. The calico aster also prefers shadier habitats, such as woodland borders and woodland openings. Yet another species, the heath aster (*Symphotrichum ericoides*), also has smaller flowerheads with fewer petaloid rays, and its leaves are smaller in size. This latter species is typically found in prairies. [4]

**Known Pollinators:**

Bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, skippers, moths, and beetles. [4]

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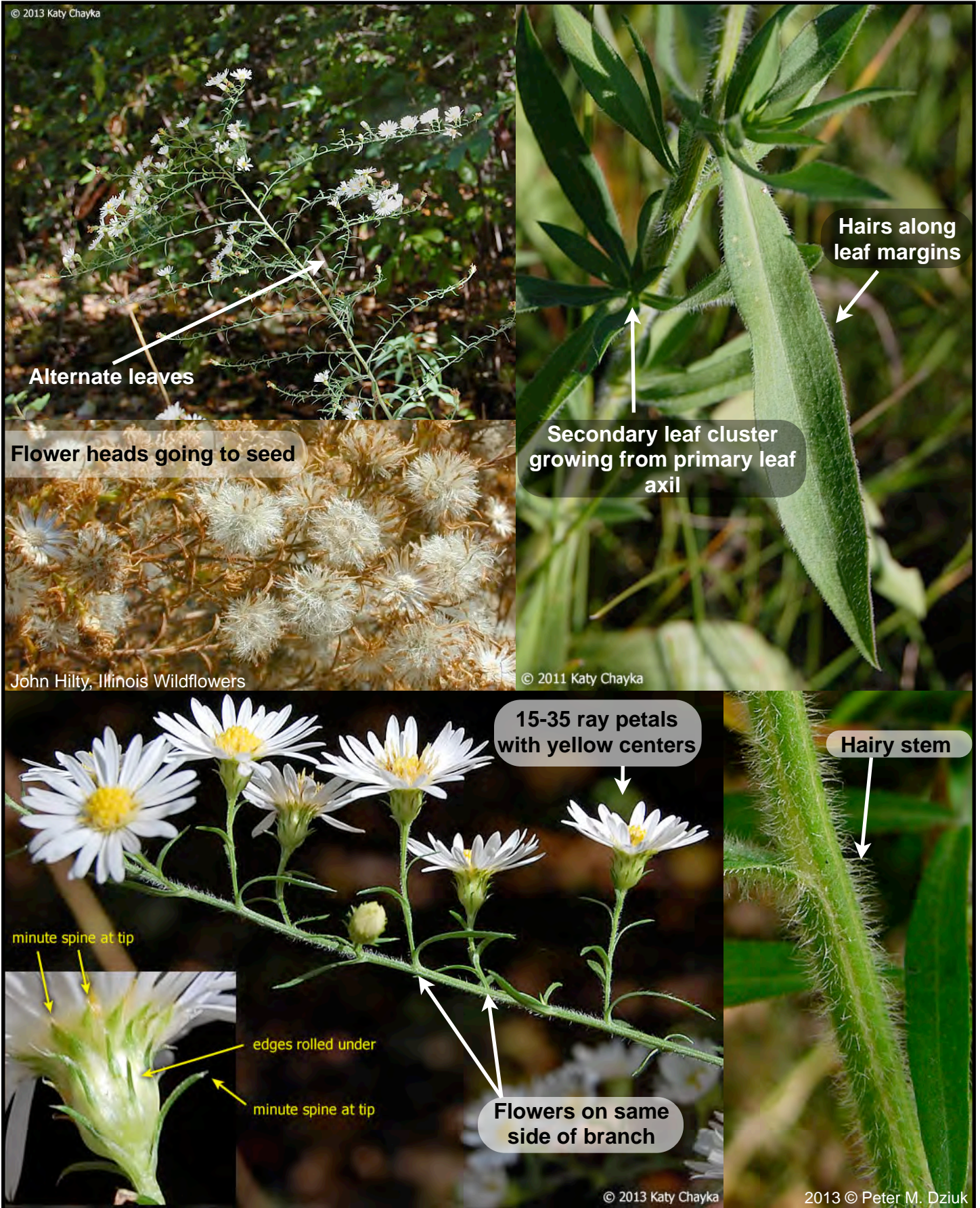
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# *Symphiotrichum pilosum* frost aster

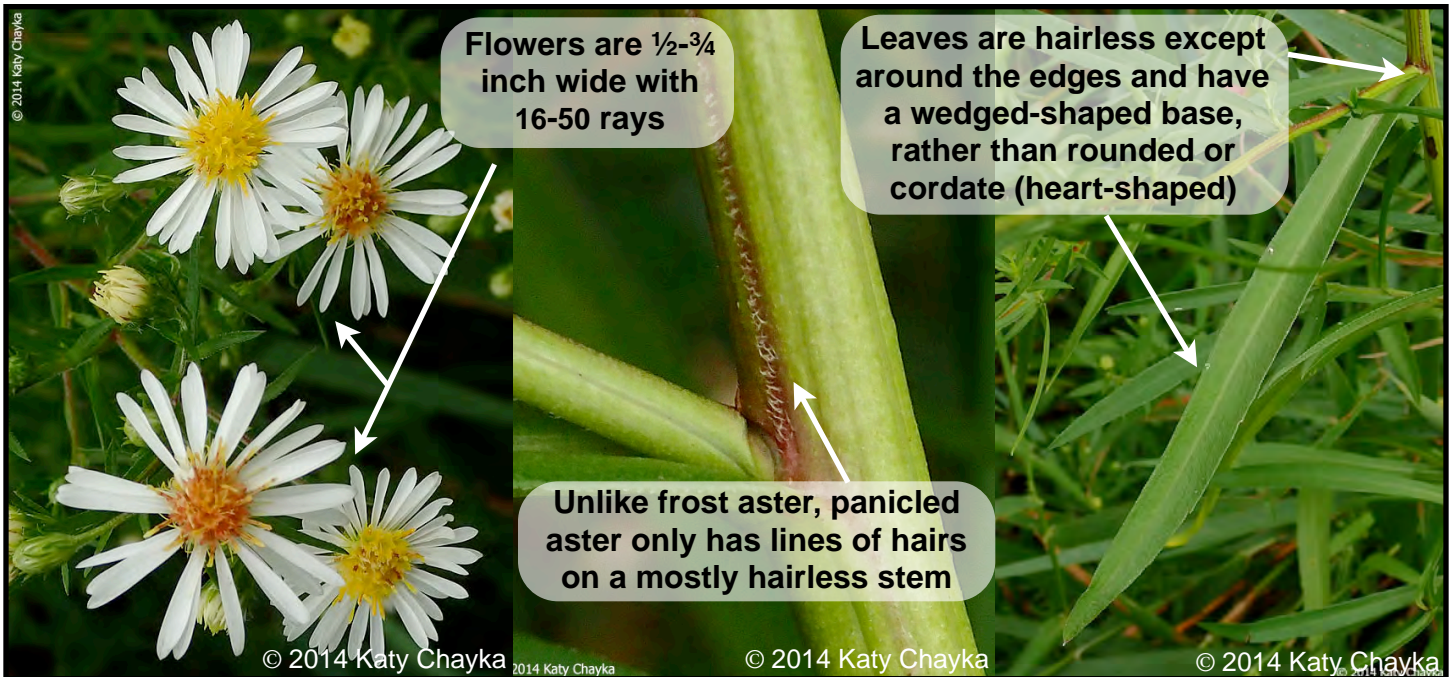


# *Symphotrichum pilosum*

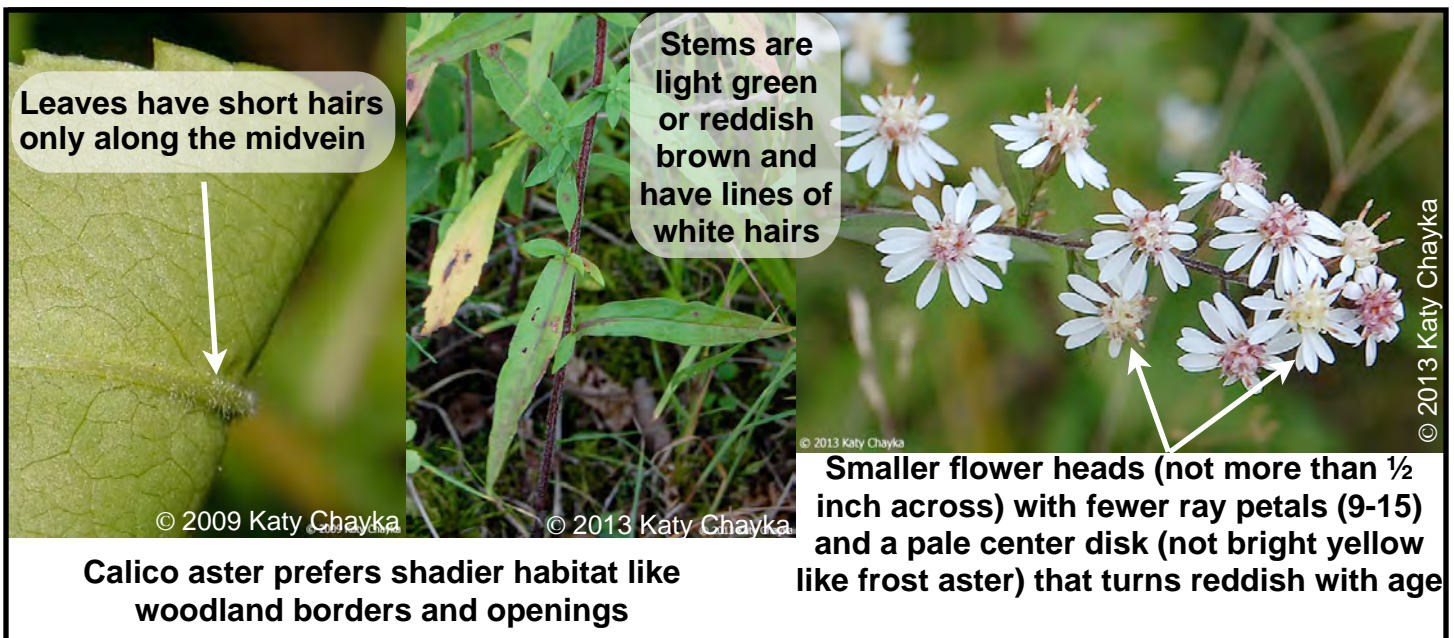
frost aster

## FROST ASTER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Symphotrichum lanceolatum* - paniced aster



### *Symphotrichum lateriflorum* - calico aster



# *Symphyotrichum pilosum*

frost aster

**FROST ASTER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

*Symphyotrichum ericoides* - heath aster



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*Tradescantia ohiensis*

Ohio spiderwort

Other common names include: bluejacket

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
			X	X	X	X					

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: ForbSize: 2-4' tall

Leaf: The grass-like leaves are grey- or blue-green, alternate, up to 15" long and 1" across. They are linear, although wider at the base (where the leaves wrap around the stem in sheaths), than at the tip. They are also hairless, with parallel venation, and smooth margins.

Stem: Central stem is round, hairless, and occasionally glaucous (a whitish film that can be rubbed off).

Flower: The light violet to blue-violet flowers occur in small clusters on hairless flowering stems at the top of the plant. Underneath each inflorescence are 2 small bracts, each up to 3" long and less than ½" across. Each flower is about 1" across, with 3 rounded petals, 6 bright yellow anthers, and fine spidery violet hairs near the base. The flowers open up during the morning and close by the afternoon in sunny weather, but remain open longer on cloudy days.

Seed collection\*\*: Early - Mid July.

**What it can be confused with:**

Ohio spiderwort can be readily distinguished from Virginia spiderwort and prairie spiderwort by the absence of conspicuous hairs on the flowering stems near the inflorescence, and the greyish or bluish appearance of the thin leaves. It also tends to be taller and more spindly in appearance than other species of spiderwort, and has smaller bracts below the inflorescence. Another species, zigzag spiderwort, prefers shaded woody areas, has a stem that slightly zig-zags between its broader leaves (up to 2" across), which are typically dark green, and the flower stems are covered in hairs. [2]

**Known Pollinators:**

Native bees and flies. [2,3]

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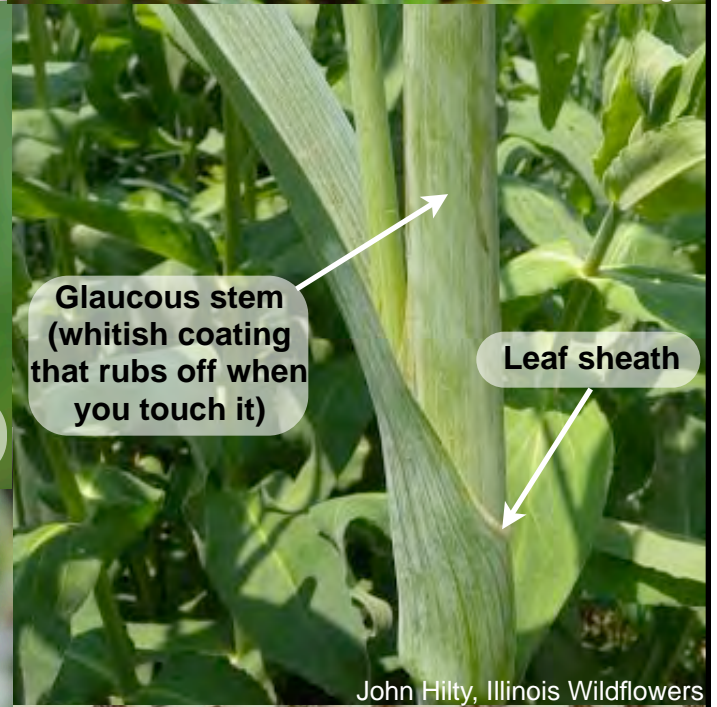
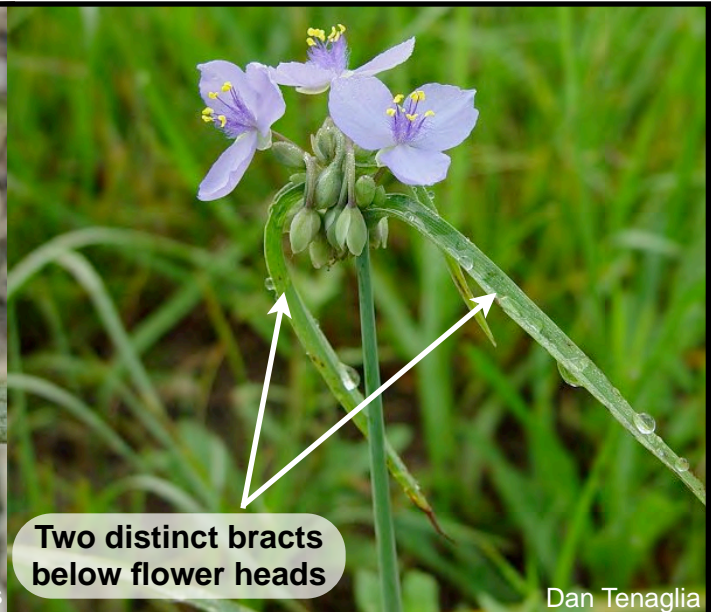
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# *Tradescantia ohiensis*

Ohio spiderwort

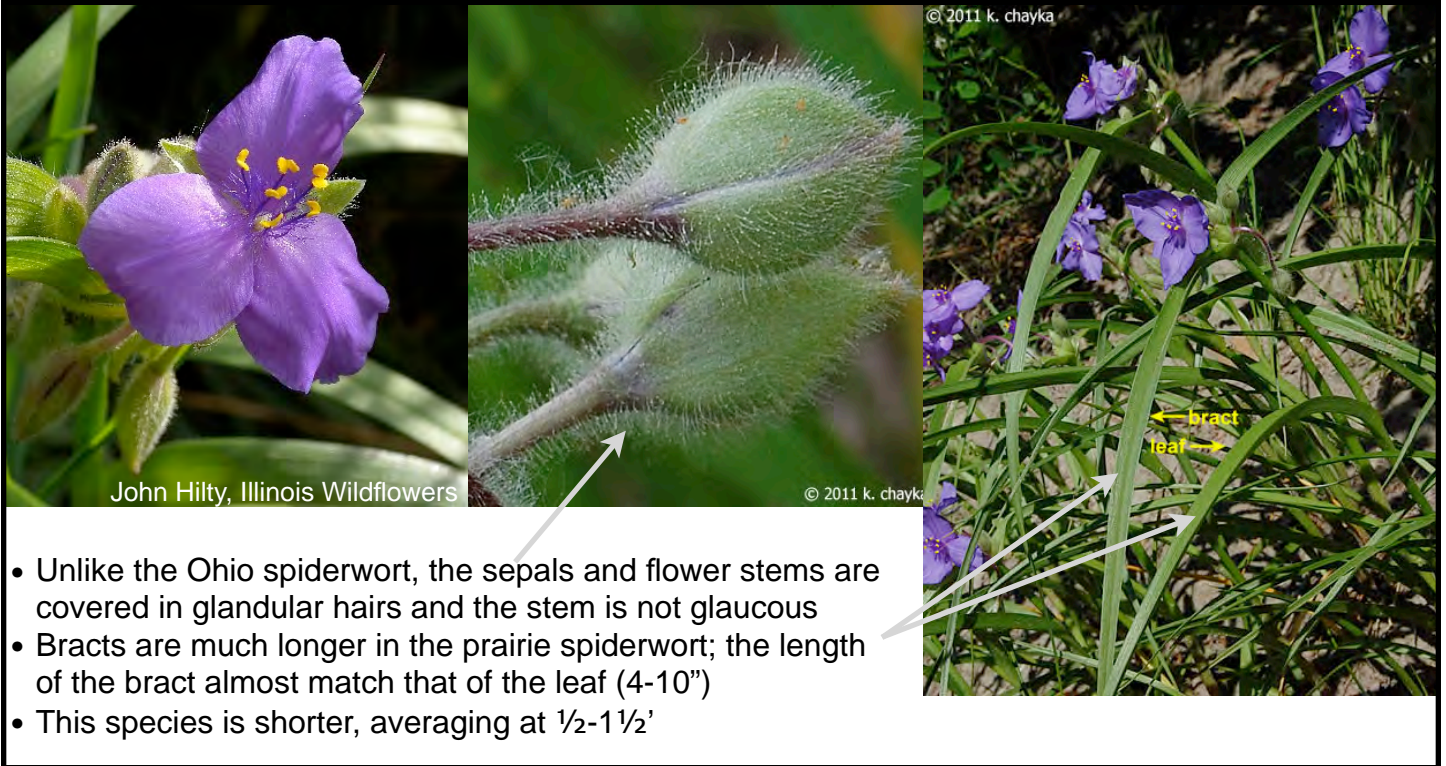


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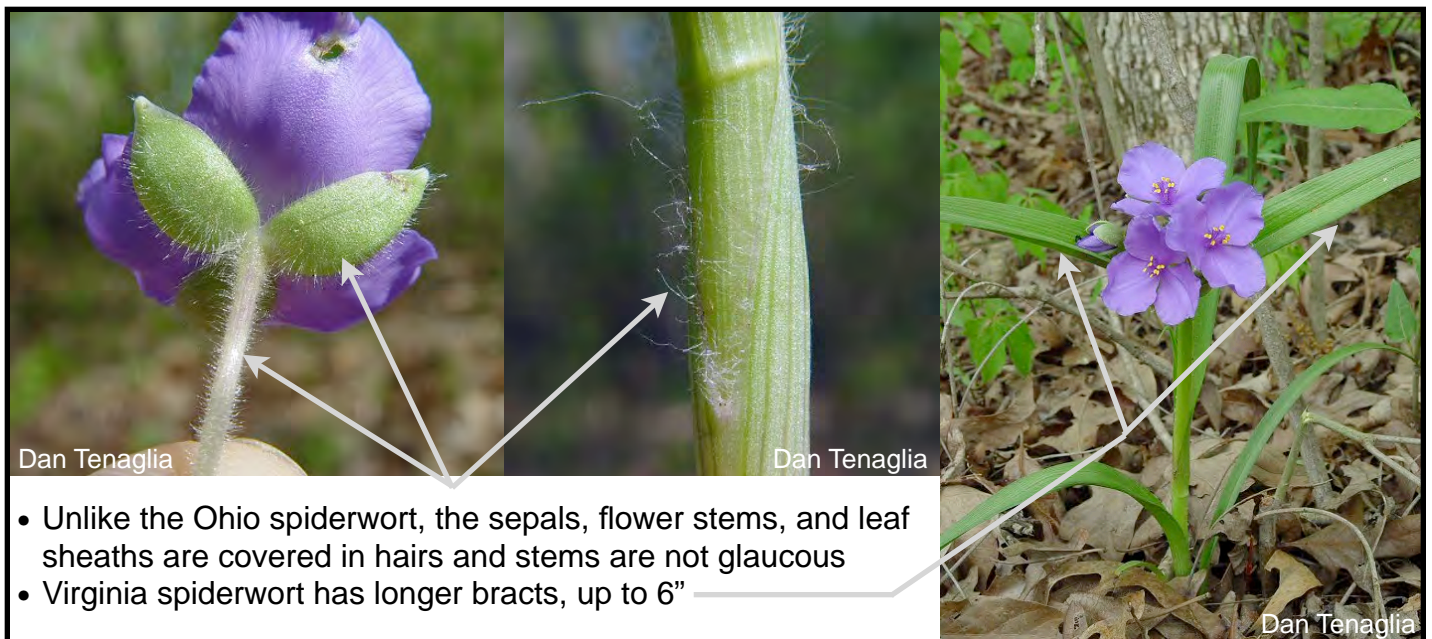
Ohio spiderwort

## OHIO SPIDERWORT COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Tradescantia bracteata* - prairie spiderwort



### *Tradescantia virginiana* - Virginia spiderwort



# *Tradescantia ohiensis*

Ohio spiderwort

## OHIO SPIDERWORT COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

*Tradescantia subaspera* - zigzag spiderwort



- Unlike Ohio spiderwort, the sepals and flower stems are covered in hairs
- The stem has a tendency to zigzag slightly between the alternate leaves and is not glaucous
- The leaves are up to twice as wide (2") as that of Ohio spiderwort



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*Verbena urticifolia*

white vervain

Other common names include: nettle-leaf vervain and white verbena

**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
					X	X	X	X	X		

**Plant Characteristics:**Duration: PerennialType: HerbSize: 3-6' tallLeaf: Opposite; up to 6" long and 2½" wide; hairless to slightly hairy and coarsely toothed. Upper leaf surfaces are medium-dark green, shiny, and wrinkled along the veins; lower leaf surfaces are light green with more hair.Stem: Light green, 4-angled, densely covered in long hairsFlower: Upper stems terminate in a panicle (branching cluster) of floral spikes up to 2' long and 1' wide. Each flower is about 1/8" across, consisting of a white corolla (petals) with 5 rounded lobes and a tubular green calyx (sepals) with 5 teeth.Seed collection\*\*: Late August - Late September [2]**What it can be confused with:**

The scientific name of this plant refers to the resemblance of its leaves to those of *Urtica* spp. (nettles). White vervain resembles *Verbena hastata* (blue vervain), but blue vervain has more narrow leaves and its flowers are conspicuously blue, rather than bright white. It is found in sunny wetland habitats more often than white vervain.

**Known Pollinators:**

Honeybees, bumblebees, native bees, flies, small butterflies, and wasps. [3]

**Larval Host:** Verbena moth and vervain leaf midge. [3]

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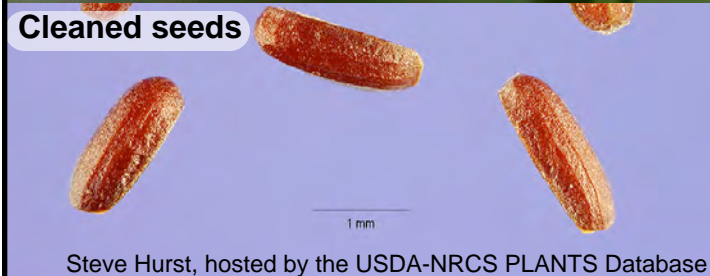
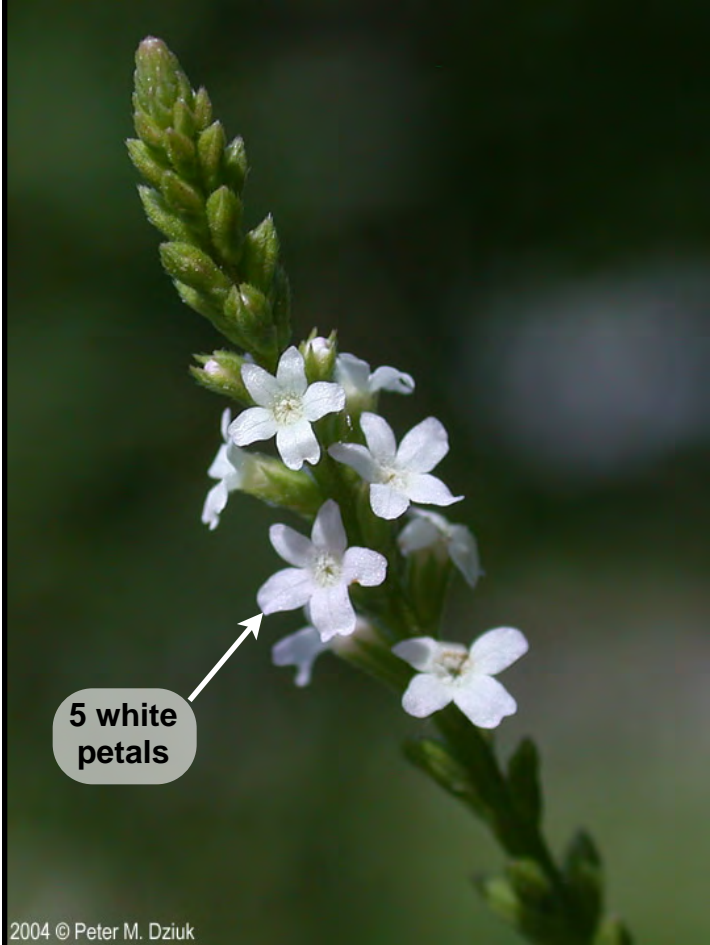
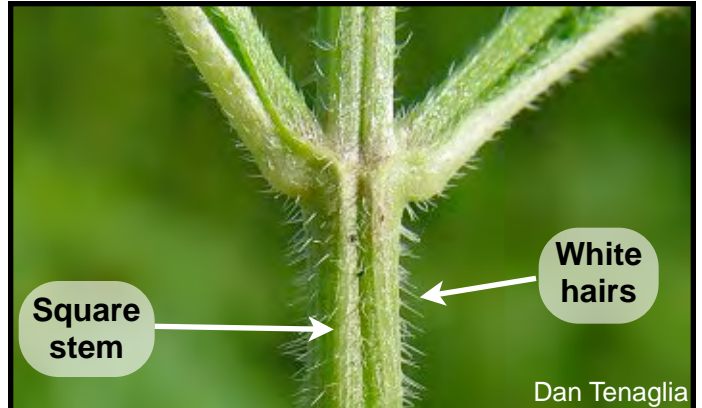
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# *Verbena urticifolia*

white vervain



# *Verbena urticifolia*

white vervain

## WHITE VERVAIN COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

### *Verbena hastata* - blue vervain



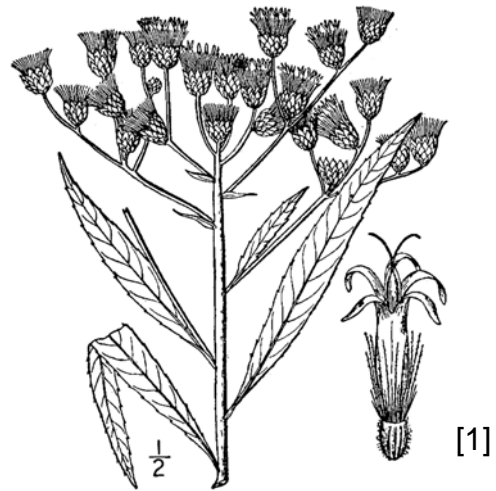
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# Vernonia gigantea

giant ironweed

Other common names include: tall ironweed



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						X	X	X	X		

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 3-7' tall

Leaf: Alternate; up to 9" long and 2½" wide; toothed margins. Upper leaf surfaces are dark green and hairless; lower leaf surfaces are light green and sparsely pubescent. Each leaf has a short petiole (leaf stem) or is sessile (no leaf stem).

Stem: Usually unbranched, light green or purplish green, and pubescent.

Flower: Central stem terminates in a panicle (branched cluster) of flowerheads from 6-16" across. Each flowerhead consists of 10-30 disk florets and no ray florets (outer petals); tubular, magenta carolla (petals) with 5 recurved, narrow lobes; exerted style is bifurcated (2 branching) and strongly recurved. No floral scent.

Seed collection\*\*: October

**What it can be confused with:**

Tall ironweed hybridizes with other *Vernonia* spp. (ironweeds), especially *Vernonia missurica* (Missouri ironweed). The latter hybrid is referred to as *Vernonia x illinoensis* (Illinois ironweed). Giant ironweed can be distinguished from its hybrid, because Illinois ironweed is more hairy and has flowerheads with 30-35 disk florets. Another species, Missouri ironweed, has flowerheads with 35-50 disk florets and it is more hairy than tall ironweed; both stems and leaf undersides of Missouri ironweed are often white-woolly from the abundance of these hairs. Smooth ironweed (*Veronia fasciculata*) differs from giant ironweed in that it is smaller in size, has hairless stems and leaves, and sometimes has dark dots on the undersides of it leaves. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Native bees, bee flies, butterflies, and skippers. [3]

**Larval Host:** Eupatorium borer moth, ironweed borer moth, red groundling moth, pyralid moth, ironweed bud midge, and ironweed blossom midge [3]

\*\* Seed collection times will vary due to location and weather conditions during the growing season. This is a general time seed may be ready, locations will need to be scouted to get a more accurate timetable for each location.

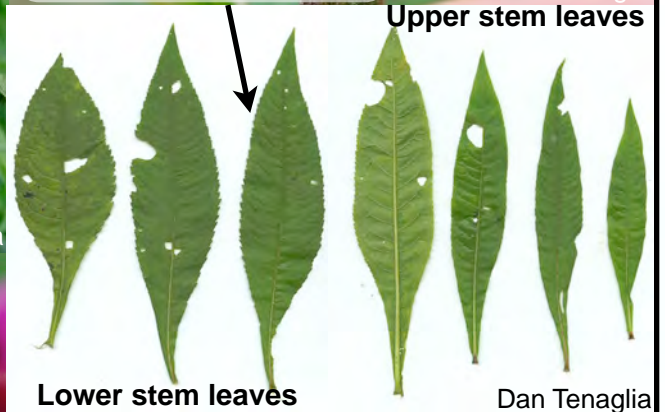
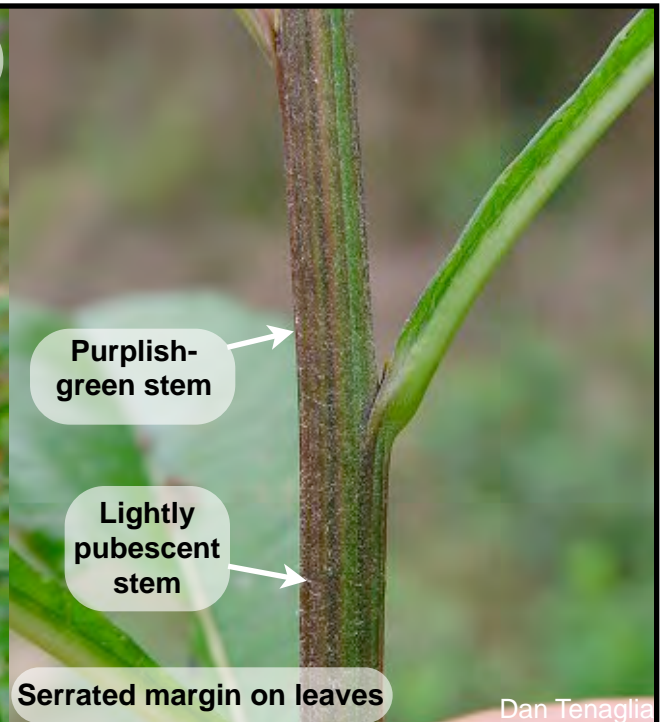
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[2] <http://pleasantvalleyconservancy.org/seedcollectingtimes.html>

[3] [http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/tl\\_ironweed.htm](http://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/tl_ironweed.htm)

# Vernonia gigantea

giant ironweed

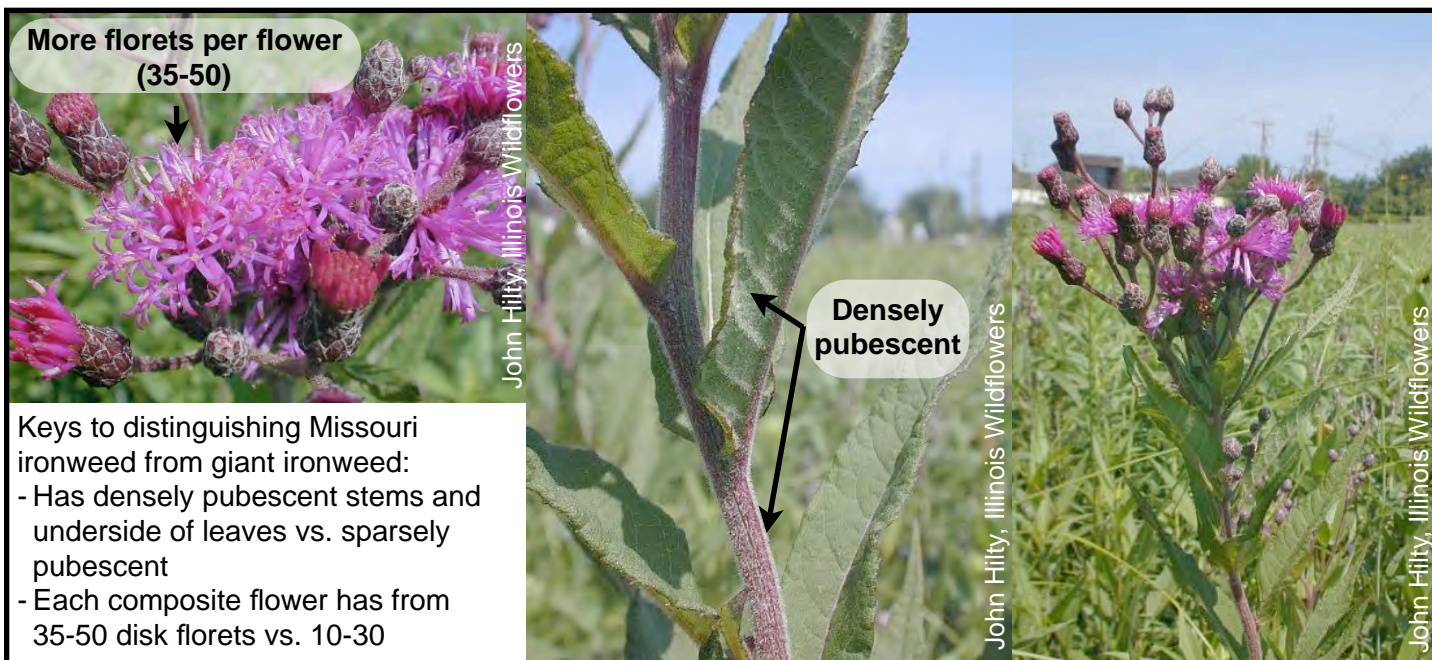


# *Vernonia gigantea*

giant ironweed

## GIANT IRONWEED COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:

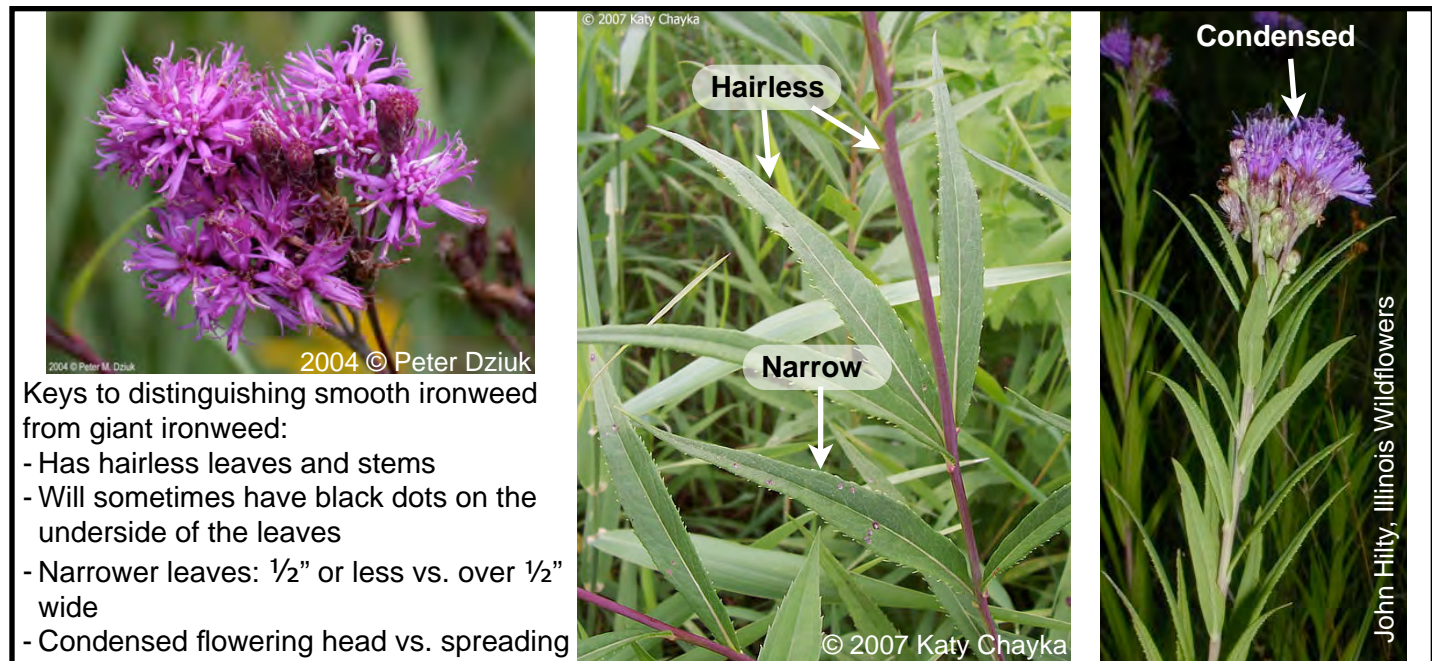
### *Vernonia missurica* - Missouri ironweed



Keys to distinguishing Missouri ironweed from giant ironweed:

- Has densely pubescent stems and underside of leaves vs. sparsely pubescent
- Each composite flower has from 35-50 disk florets vs. 10-30

### *Vernonia fasciculata* - smooth ironweed



Keys to distinguishing smooth ironweed from giant ironweed:

- Has hairless leaves and stems
- Will sometimes have black dots on the underside of the leaves
- Narrower leaves: 1/2" or less vs. over 1/2" wide
- Condensed flowering head vs. spreading



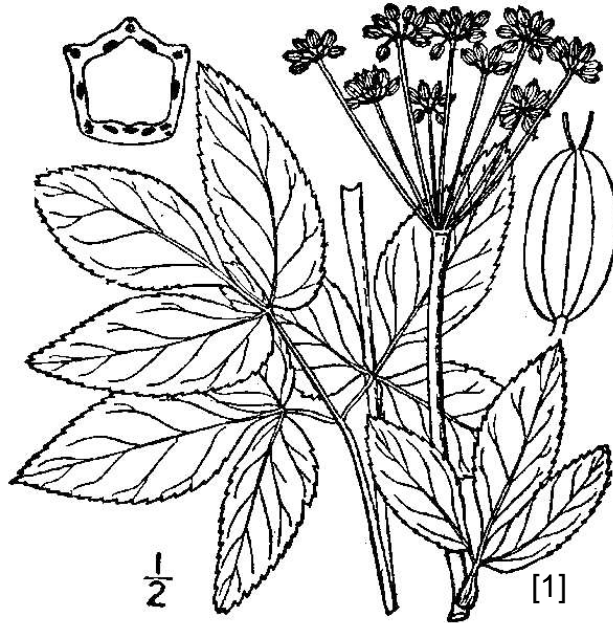
Mason State Nursery

Special thanks to: Holden Arboretum, Blue Heron Ministries, Illinois Department of Transportation, University of Arkansas CAST, and Chicago Botanic Garden

# Zizia aurea

golden Alexander

Other common names include: golden zizia



**Bloom Period:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
			X	X	X						

**Plant Characteristics:**

Duration: Perennial

Type: Herb

Size: 2 1/2' tall

Leaf: Alternate, compound leaves with 3 or 5 leaflets; hairless, shiny, and medium green; 3" long and 2" wide; toothed margins. Lower leaves with long petioles (leaf stem); larger leaflets with 1-2 cleft lobes.

Stem: Forming occasional, lateral stems; light green, hairless, and shiny

Flower: Upper stems terminate in compound umbels of yellow flowers, measuring 2-3" across and consisting of 12 umbellets of 21 flowers each. Each flower is about 1/8" wide, consisting of 5 incurved yellow petals, 5 stamens, and a pistil. No floral scent.

Seed collection\*\*: Early August - Mid September [2]

**What it can be confused with:**

Golden Alexander is sometimes confused with wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) and yellow meadow parsnip (*Thaspium trifoliatum aureum*). Wild parsnip blooms later, is taller, and has more leaflets in each leaf than golden Alexander. It can be distinguished from yellow meadow parsnip due to the parsnip's short pedicel on the central flowers of each umbellet, the winged seeds, and simple rather than trifoliate basal leaves. [3]

**Known Pollinators:**

Native bees, wasps, bumblebees, butterflies, and true bugs. [3]

**Larval Host:** Black swallowtail butterfly, Ozark swallowtail butterfly, and rigid sunflower borer moth. [3]

\*\* Seed collection times will vary due to location and weather conditions during the growing season. This is a general time seed may be ready, locations will need to be scouted to get a more accurate timetable for each location.

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# Zizia aurea

Golden Alexander



Dan Tenaglia



Odd-pinnate compound leaves

3-5 leaflets

John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers



Smooth, hairless stem

John Hilty, Illinois Wildflowers



Compound yellow umbels

2-3" wide

Dan Tenaglia



Mature seeds

Amber Barnes



Immature seeds

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Cleaned seeds

Prairie Moon Nursery

# *Zizia aurea*

golden Alexander

**GOLDEN ALEXANDER COULD BE CONFUSED WITH:**

## *Thaspium trifoliatum aureum* - yellow meadow parsnip



## *Pastinaca sativa* - wild parsnip



Mason State Nursery

Special thanks to: Holden Arboretum, Blue Heron Ministries, Illinois Department of Transportation, University of Arkansas CAST, and Chicago Botanic Garden



**Appendix B:**

**Field Data Form  
(Blank and Example)**

## MWAEBF Field Data Form

COLLECTION TEAM INFORMATION					
Seed Collection Team Reference ID:		Project Site ID:		Collection Number:	
Date(s) Collected:		Collection Time:		Number of Volunteers:	
Collector Names ( <i>Circle data collector</i> ):					
SEED COLLECTION DATA:					
Scientific Name:		Common Name:			
Number of Plants Sampled:		Photograph Taken:		Y or N	
LOCATION DATA:					
State:		County:		Land Owner:	
Permission Filed:	Y or N	GPS Data Recorded:	Y or N	Managed Area Name:	
Latitude:		Longitude:			
Directions: Provide detailed directions to the collection site. Refer to nearby landmarks, roads, and towns. Include parking information and directions from parking area to collection site.					
HABITAT DATA					
Current Temperature:		Current Humidity:		Land Use Type:	
Non-Target Associated Species:					
SCOUTING INFORMATION: Target plant species in bloom but not ready for collection					
Scientific Name:		Common Name:		Approx. Number of Plants Present:	
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Notes:					

## MWAEBF Field Data Form

COLLECTION TEAM INFORMATION					
Seed Collection Team Reference ID:	OH.CT1	Project Site ID:	A	Collection Number:	1
Date(s) Collected:	4-24-17	Collection Time:	12:30 pm	Number of Volunteers:	4
Collector Names (Circle data collector):	Jane Doe, Ravi Patel, Tyrone Jones, Cindy Lee				
SEED COLLECTION DATA:					
Scientific Name:	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>		Common Name:	Swamp milkweed	
Number of Plants Sampled:	57		Photograph Taken:	Y or N	
LOCATION DATA:					
State:	Ohio	County:	Cuyahoga	Land Owner:	Cleveland Metroparks
Permission Filed:	Y or N	GPS Data Recorded:	Y or N	Managed Area Name:	Acacia
Latitude:	41.504442		Longitude:	-81.491285	
Directions: Provide detailed directions to the collection site. Refer to nearby landmarks, roads, and towns. Include parking information and directions from parking area to collection site.					
Headed north on I-271 toward Lyndhurst, took Brainard Rd exit. Turned right onto Cedar Rd. Turned right, into the Acacia Reservation parking lot. Found the marked trail and walked about 50 meters to the collection field, located on the left side of the trail.					
HABITAT DATA					
Current Temperature:	65°	Current Humidity:	20%	Land Use Type:	Urban, Rural, Park, ROW
Non-Target Associated Species:	Unknown grasses, red clover, queen ann's lace, goldenrod, and multiflora rose.				
SCOUTING INFORMATION: Target plant species in bloom but not ready for collection					
Scientific Name:	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Common Name:	wild bergamot	Approx. Number of Plants Present:	35
Scientific Name:	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Common Name:	tall coreopsis	Approx. Number of Plants Present:	58
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Notes:					

**Appendix C:**

**Collection Team  
Reference Numbers**

## Appendix C: Collection Team Reference Numbers

*This Collection Team Reference ID will be assigned to each team by the State Lead.*

Collection Team reference ID by State					
Team #	Ohio	Indiana	Illinois	Missouri	Arkansas
1	OH.CT1	IN.CT1	IL.CT1	MO.CT1	AR.CT1
2	OH.CT2	IN.CT2	IL.CT2	MO.CT2	AR.CT2
3	OH.CT3	IN.CT3	IL.CT3	MO.CT3	AR.CT3
4	OH.CT4	IN.CT4	IL.CT4	MO.CT4	AR.CT4
5	OH.CT5	IN.CT5	IL.CT5	MO.CT5	AR.CT5
6	OH.CT6	IN.CT6	IL.CT6	MO.CT6	AR.CT6
7	OH.CT7	IN.CT7	IL.CT7	MO.CT7	AR.CT7
8	OH.CT8	IN.CT8	IL.CT8	MO.CT8	AR.CT8
9	OH.CT9	IN.CT9	IL.CT9	MO.CT9	AR.CT9
10	OH.CT10	IN.CT10	IL.CT10	MO.CT10	AR.CT10
11	OH.CT11	IN.CT11	IL.CT11	MO.CT11	AR.CT11
12	OH.CT12	IN.CT12	IL.CT12	MO.CT12	AR.CT12

## **Appendix D:**

# **Sample Right of Entry Permit and Notification Documents**

# POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

## *Documentation of Oral Permission to Access Private Lands*

The (Name of State Lead) obtained oral permission to access private lands as follows:

Description of the work and/or project title, to include date and time of entry and departure or anticipated duration of the work if recurring visits will be made:

Address of Property:

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Printed name and address of landowner contacted:

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\_\_\_\_\_ The landowner was provided with the following information:

1. (proposed date and time of entry and departure, or period of time during which recurring visits will be necessary).
2. (kind and number of vehicles to be used).
3. (number of persons in the party).
4. (name, office address, and contact information of chief of party).
5. (purpose of the work).
6. (locations on the property where work is to be done).

Date permission was granted:

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Name and signature of State Lead who obtained permission:

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Other persons in the party who witnessed the oral permission (as applicable):

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The documentation of an oral agreement should be retained in the project file by the initiating office until the project is completed.

# POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

(Insert Name of Private Landowner)

(Insert Date)

(Insert Address of Private Landowner)

Dear (Insert Name of Private Landowner):

The Pollinator Partnership and its affiliates require employees and volunteers to obtain written permission from landowners in certain cases before entering onto private property to conduct plant surveys, seed collections, and seed/plug planting. Consequently, we are hereby requesting your signature below to confirm your approval for Pollinator Partnership employees or volunteers to enter your land for the purpose described below (the "Purpose"). The data and/or seed collected will be used for enhancing monarch butterfly habitat via the Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest project, and details about the work conducted will be provided to you upon request.

Specific information regarding this request is as follows:

1. (proposed date and time of entry and departure, or period of time during which recurring visits will be necessary).
2. (kind and number of vehicles to be used).
3. (number of persons in the party).
4. (name, office address, and contact information of State Lead or Team Lead).
5. (purpose of the work).
6. (locations on the property where work is to be done).

Pollinator Partnership agrees to hold the Landowner identified above harmless from any and all actual damages, liabilities, claims, losses, costs and damages arising from the entry of Pollinator Partnership's employees or volunteers upon Landowner's property for the Purpose, other than those arising from Landowner's willful misconduct or gross negligence.

If you have any questions about the Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest project, you may contact (insert name of state lead) at the following telephone number: (insert number).



**POLLINATOR  
PARTNERSHIP**

Please indicate your consent to this request by signing below and (list method of return, e.g., envelope provided, leave at a designated location, etc.). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requestor Name

I approve of the entry of Pollinator Partnership employees and volunteers upon the Property identified above, for the Purpose described herein.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Name

## **Appendix E:**

# **Hold Harmless Document**

## Pollinator Partnership Volunteer Waiver

**Name of Volunteer (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Effective Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number:** (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

**Name of Volunteer Activity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check here if Volunteer is under age 18:**

I, the above listed Volunteer, desire to work as a volunteer for Pollinator Partnership "The Organization" and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer for the Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest work project.

I hereby voluntarily execute this Volunteer Waiver under the following terms:

I, the Volunteer, release and hold harmless the Organization and its successors and assigns (the "Organization Releases") from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from my volunteer work with the Organization.

I understand that this Waiver discharges the Organization Releases from any liability or claim that I, the Volunteer, may have against the Organization with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from my participation in connection with the Volunteer Activity defined above. I also fully understand that the Organization does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health or disability insurance, in the event of injury, illness, death or property damage.

I, the Volunteer, understand that I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of the Organization beyond what may be offered freely by the representative of the Organization in the event of such injury or medical expense.

I hereby release the Organization Releases from any claim whatsoever which arises or may arise in the future on account of any first aid treatment or other medical services that are conducted in connection with an emergency during the Volunteer Activity.

I understand that my participation in the Volunteer Activity may include various activities that may be hazardous to me and I hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in these activities and release the Organization Releases from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the my participation in the Volunteer Activity .

I grant unto the Organization all right, title, and interest in and the unlimited right to use any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings including my name or image (collectively, "My Likeness") that are made by the Organization during my work in

## Volunteer Waiver

connection with the Volunteer Activity, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits that are derived from such photographs or recordings. I expressly agree that this Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States of America, and that this Waiver shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Waiver shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to enforceable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Volunteer's Name

**If under 18:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED IF VOLUNTEER IS UNDER  
AGE 18

## **Appendix F:**

# **Seed Collecting Techniques – Quick Reference**

**Seed Collection Techniques Quick Reference**  
**Adapted from Bureau of Land Management Seeds of Success Program**

	<b>What to do...</b>	<b>Why?</b>
1.	Assess the target population and confirm that a sufficient number of individual plants (usually 50) have seeds at natural dispersal stage.	To ensure that adequate genetic diversity can be sampled from the population, and that the seeds are likely to be at maximum possible viability and longevity.
2.	Carefully examine a small, representative sample of seeds using a cut test and for smaller seeds a hand lens.	Estimate the frequency of empty or damaged seeds and confirm that the majority of seeds are mature and fully formed.
3.	Collect mature, dry seeds into double-bagged brown paper bags. Large collections can be made using plastic buckets and then transferred into bags.	Ensures the highest possible viability at collection and maximizes the potential storage life at the Mason State.
4.	If seeds can be liberated from their fruits quickly and easily, by shaking the open fruits over a container, carry this out and note it on the field data form.	Maximizes the use of available field time and allows for seeds to be cleaned and prepared in controlled laboratory conditions.
5.	Sample equally and randomly across the extent of the population, maintaining a record of the number of individuals sampled.	Capture the widest possible genetic diversity from the plant population sampled.
6.	<b>Collect no more than 20% of the viable seed available on the day of collection.</b>	Ensure that the sampled population is not over collected and is maintainable.
7.	For each collection, estimate the viable seed production per fruit, per individual and per population, and note these on the field data form.	Document species seed biology and better assess the influence of collecting on the population.
8.	Clearly label all bags with your name, date and latin name. If there are multiple bags, label 1 of 3, 2 of 3, etc.	To ensure that this unique identifier is attached to each sample of a collection. All other data will be recorded on the field data form.

**Appendix G:**  
**GIS App Instructions**

## **Appendix G. Seed Collection Report GIS App Instructions**

### **Introduction:**

In order to facilitate accurate and consistent data collection during the volunteer seed collection efforts, Pollinator Partnership teamed up with the University of Arkansas Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST) to develop an innovative reporting tool. The Seed Collection Report survey allows users to input spatial data directly to a shared database while in the field. Anyone with a smartphone can download the app and survey for free. Finished surveys can be submitted directly to the database, maintained by the University of Arkansas, from the field, or maintained within the app (as a draft) until an internet connection can be established. The submitted data can be actively referenced and monitored, improving communication and organization within the project. The data collected through this app can support other monarch research and modeling efforts, and the survey platform can be repurposed for future field studies.

### **Purpose:**

The Seed Collection Report is being used to digitize or capture some of the information contained within the seed collection Field Data Form, provide us with an accurate location of the collection sites, create a database for field photos from each seed collection within the MWAEBF project, and give us realtime progress updates on the seed collection effort. This digital survey does not replace the paper Field Data Form, it compliments it and gives us a means to map the spatial distribution of the collection sites. This feature will be critical for the redistribution of the seed onto the landscape. Paper copies of the original seed collection Field Data Forms should be mailed with the seed collected, but the original documents should always be maintained by the State Lead or Team Leader for each seed collection team. Users have two ways in which to access the MWAEBF Seed Collection Report they can use their mobile device loaded with the Survey123 or ArcGIS application, OR users can use a desktop or mobile web browser. Each will require a secure log-in, and each method should only be completed once for each seed collection.

This set of instructions will guide new or existing users through the online, digital submission of a Seed Collection Report and demonstrate both methods: online web browser and using the Survey123 for ArcGIS mobile application

### **Getting Started:**

As previously mentioned, the Seed Collection Report survey form can be used within a web browser OR within a free mobile app called "Survey123 for ArcGIS". The mobile application can found within the app stores for Apple, Windows Mobile or Android devices. If you have a smart phone or GPS enabled tablet, you should download the latest version of Survey123 for ArcGIS.

### **Field Data Reporter Requirements**

State Leads for the MWAEBF project should identify at least one person within each Seed Collection Team to serve as their designated reporter for each MWAEBF seed



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collection site visit. The Field Data Reporter should be an experienced field worker with a smart-phone or mobile device that includes a built-in Camera and onboard GPS.

- **Camera:** Since a minimum of three photographs are required for each seed collection report, it will expedite the field workflow if the user's device contains a camera. It may help to practice these field photos before you head to the seed collection site. Clip boards or other items may help provide contrasting backgrounds for your flower, leaf, or seed photos.
- **GPS:** Enable Location Services within your mobile devices settings to assist your field reporting of the location of each Seed Collection Report. You can also use the map to "move" or navigate the map under the "map marker" until you've precisely identified the seed collection location for the report.

### Paper Field Data Forms

The paper field data forms included within MWAEBF training materials should also be completed during each field collection effort since those notes will help the designated **Seed Collection Reporter** upload the correct attributes (and the three required site photos) using their mobile device or desktop computer. Please maintain copies of these paper field data forms. These paper fieldwork forms can even be photographed and uploaded within each digital Seed Collection Report that's collected/submitted within the mobile app – an excellent way to "backup" your field notes and store them along with the digital Seed Collection report submitted into the MWAEBF geodatabase.

### Appendix G - Part 1: For access to the Seed Collection Report on a Smartphone

Each State Coordinator and **designated** Field Data Reporter(s) will need to request a MWAEBF user-account in order to download the MWAEBF Seed Collection Report survey. To request this username / password, please send an email to Isaac Lisle ([isaac@pollinator.org](mailto:isaac@pollinator.org)) and Brian Culpepper ([brian@cast.uark.edu](mailto:brian@cast.uark.edu)) with the following subject line: **MWAEBF User Account Request**. Please provide this important information within the body of the email:

- Your first/last name
- Organization you represent
- Full mailing address
- Name of your State Lead for the MWAEBF project
- Date you anticipate field collection to begin within your area
- Phone number (cell preferred) that we can use to reach you

Please specify the type of cell phone (iphone/windows/android) or tablet that you plan to use for submitting your Seed Collection Reports during the MWAEBF project. If you plan to upload these reports from your laptop or desktop computer, it would be helpful to know this too.

After your email request has been received, we will create your account and follow-up with your user-credentials and instructions detailing how to download the app and corresponding Seed Collector Report survey. This download must be accomplished and tested by the volunteers prior to participation in a seed collection event.

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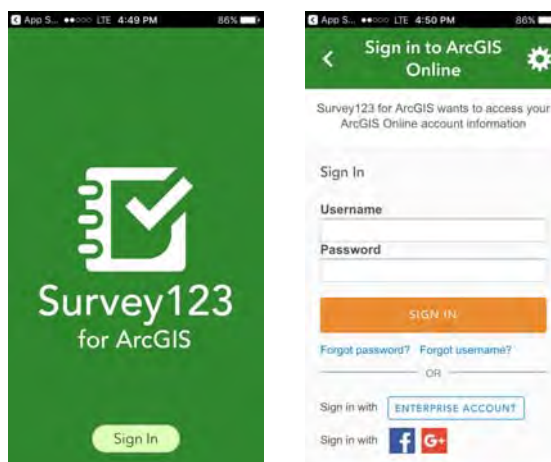
### Step 1: Download the App

1. To download the Survey123 app on your smart phone, first navigate to the App Store. Depending upon the type of mobile phone you're using, here's where to download the app online:
  - iTunes download (Apple):  
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/survey123-for-arcgis/id993015031?mt=8>
  - Google Play download (Android):  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esri.survey123&hl=en>
2. Search for "Survey123" so you can locate and install this (free) mobile application created by ESRI, Inc. called Survey123 for ArcGIS.
3. Click to install the app. You may need to log in using your Apple ID or other credentials to enable the download.



### Step 2: Sign In

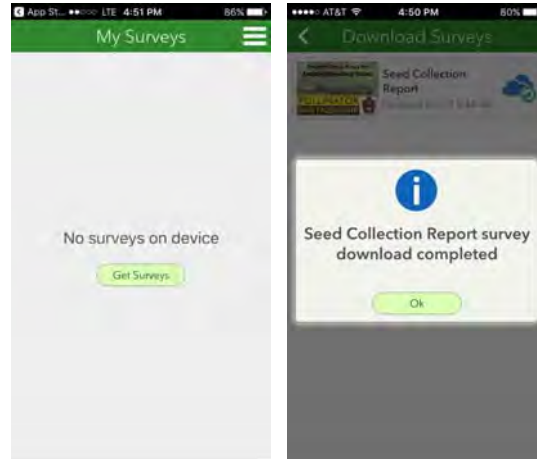
1. After the Survey123 for ArcGIS application is installed, use your credentials to sign-in to the Survey123 app. Contact your State Lead or Brian Culpepper ([brian@cast.uark.edu](mailto:brian@cast.uark.edu)) for help logging in.



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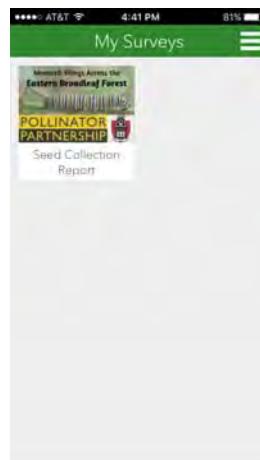
### Step 3: Download the Survey

1. Next, you will need to download the Seed Collector Report survey. Click “Get Surveys” and then select “Seed Collection Report” to download the survey. It should now display in the “My Surveys” home screen.



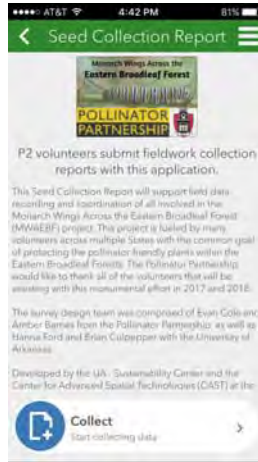
### Step 4: Completing a Survey

1. Now that you've installed the app and downloaded the survey, you are all set to begin collecting data! This survey app can be used when 'off-line' and should work whether you have wi-fi / cell service or not. However, once you return to cell service or wi-fi, you must remember to submit those 'draft' survey responses so that they are pushed back into the cloud for all other project members to see.
2. Select Seed Collection Report on the “My Surveys” home page to be directed to the survey's home page.

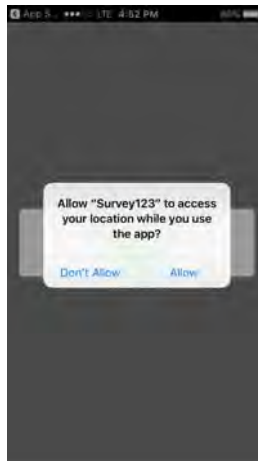


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- To begin collecting data, select the “Collect” button at the bottom of the Seed Collection Report home page.



- You may receive a pop-up box asking if you would like to allow the survey to access your location while using the app. Select “Allow” so that the app can auto-locate your point based on your phone’s GPS coordinates.



- Fill out the form starting with “Data Recorder Name.” Note that fields marked with asterisks are required in order to submit the survey. The only fields that are not required are “Leaf Photo,” “Data Sheet Photo,” “Site Description,” “Permission to access the site,” “Air Temperature,” and “Relative Humidity”.

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6. Refer to Section 8a of the training manual for the appropriate Collection Team and Project Site ID formats.



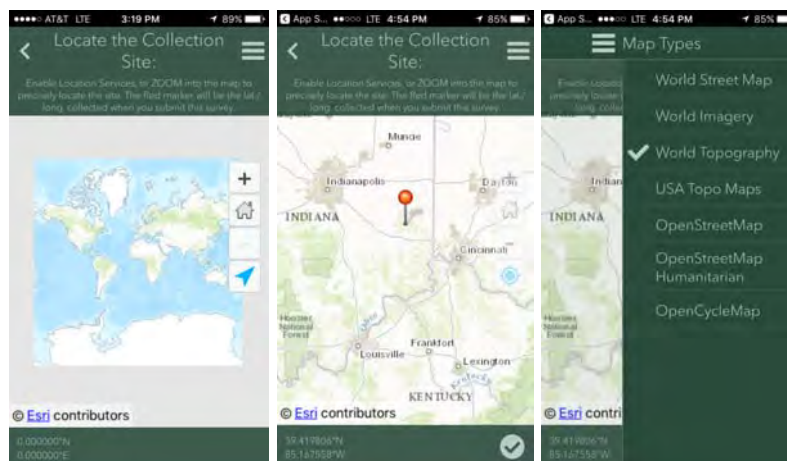
The screenshot shows the 'Seed Collector v1.5' app interface. At the top, it displays 'Seed Collector v1.5' and a hamburger menu icon. Below this is the 'Seed Collection Report' section with the following fields:

- Data Recorder Name:** \* (Last name only) [Text input field]
- Project Site ID:** \* (Follow the Project Site ID naming methodology from the training materials.) [Text input field]
- Collection Number:** \* (Please enter the Seed Collection Number following the training material guidelines.) [Text input field]
- Seed Collection Date:** \* (When did the Seed Collection occur?) [Date picker showing 'March 7, 2017']
- State Name:** \* [Text input field]

A green checkmark icon is visible at the bottom right of the form.

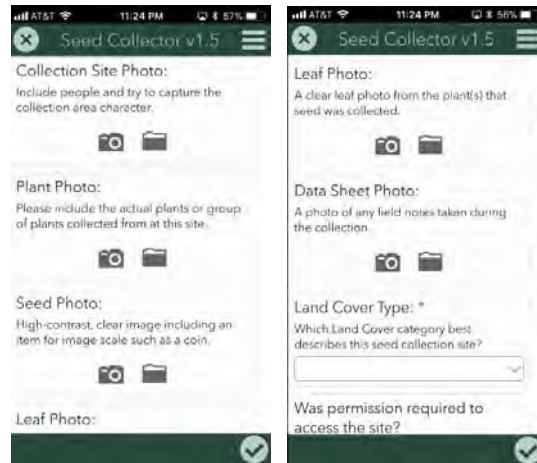
7. **Locating the collection site.** To auto-locate based on your phone's location, select the bullseye at the top right corner of the map. You will need to allow the app to access your location settings when first prompted by the app, and you will need adequate satellite reception. When inside the map, you can toggle between the blue arrow and bullseye buttons below the “-” button to switch between auto-locate and manual-locate. Given the relatively low accuracy of cellphone GPS receivers, especially in areas where trees, buildings, or other natural features cause significant interference, you may want to first try auto-locating your position, and then manually adjust your pin to better reflect your exact position. Switching the base layer map to “World Imagery” may help you determine your exact location based on nearby features.

To manually locate the collection site, select the map and drag the pin to the appropriate location. You can zoom in or zoom out by pinching inwards or outwards with two fingers on the map, or by simply pressing the “+” or “-” buttons. When satisfied with the position of your point, select the green check mark at the bottom-right of the screen to confirm your location.

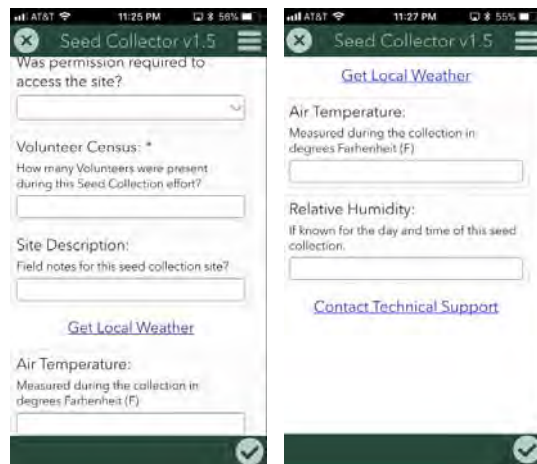


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- Photos** can be submitted in two ways. Click the camera icon to take a photo directly through the app, or click the folder icon to select a photo from your saved pictures. Note that the first three photo fields – Collection Site, Plant, and Seed – are each required, but the last two – Leaf and Data Sheet – are optional.



- Click the “Get Local Weather” link to be directed out of the app to your web browser in order to look up the weather data (Air Temperature and Relative Humidity). Once you find this information through the “Get Local Weather” link or another weather app on your phone, you will need to return to the app to enter in the information before submitting. You may also email Technical Support using the hyperlinked text at the bottom of the survey.

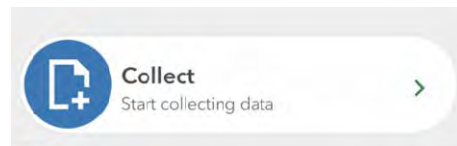


### **Step 5: Submitting the Survey**

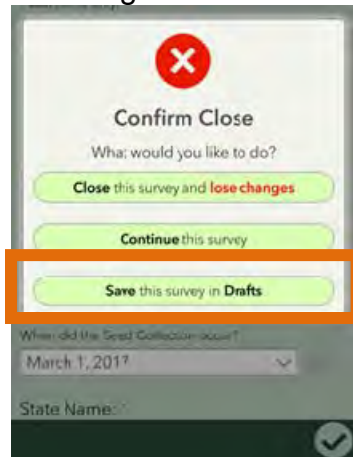
After the Survey123 App has been installed on your device and you've logged in and downloaded the Seed Collector Report survey (from within the Survey123 for ArcGIS application) you should turn-ON your location services prior to preparing to record a Seed Collection Report.

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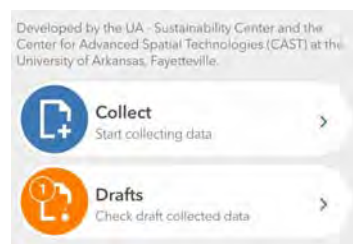
- Before submitting your form, double check the fields to make sure everything is correct/nothing was skipped and make certain that each submitted report has a properly formatted **Collection Team and Project Site ID number** so that each Seed bag can be uniquely identified and processed without error.
- The **Collection Team and Project Site ID** and Seed Species should also be recorded/written on the outside of each bag or envelope at the time the seed is collected.
- This information should also be recorded on a paper form and/or uploaded into the MWAEBF geodatabase using the Seed Collection Report application.



Since photos must also be collected as part of the Seed Collection Report, it may be easier to leverage the “DRAFT” option available within the Survey123 for ArcGIS mobile application. You can ‘pause’ the attribute collection at any time within the Seed Collector Report survey by pressing the Check BOX (lower right corner) of the form, and THEN selecting the “**Save this survey in Drafts**” option.

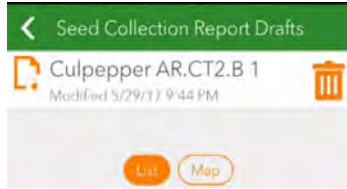


**DRAFT SURVEYS** within the Seed Collector Report DRAFT folder.  
This screen indicates the number of unsent Seed Collector Report surveys that have not been submitted.



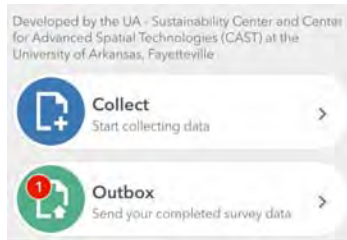
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EACH Draft survey within the Seed Collection Report drafts folder can be re-opened and completed at a later day or time. Once the Seed Collection Report is completed, users can submit the completed report to the MWAEBF geodatabase.

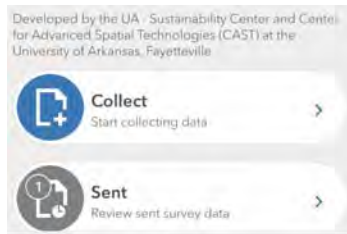


**COMPLETED UNSENT SURVEY** within the Seed Collector Report will be found within the **OUTBOX** folder. **IF** the number of surveys within the Outbox folder is inside a **RED** circle, then those surveys have not been successfully submitted.

This screen indicates the number of unsent Seed Collector Report surveys that have not been sent, successfully from your mobile device. Cellular coverage or wifi interruptions can interrupt a submission and cause this message to appear. **Retry** until you receive satisfactory feedback within the app that your reports were successfully submitted.



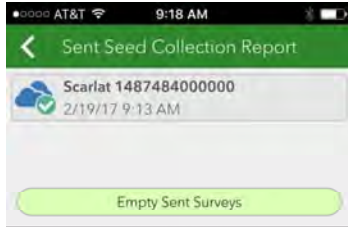
**SUCCESSFULLY SENT** Survey is in the **SENT** folder and it is **Gray**



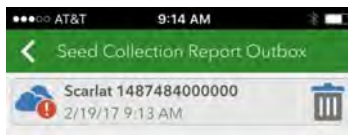


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The Seed Collector Report Survey's that were SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED have the GREEN CHECKMARK. You can decide to keep these locally on your device or CLEAR them from your SENT folder by clicking the button at the bottom of the page within the Survey123 application.



**SURVEY SEND FAILURE - Red Exclamation beside the unique survey id in the OUTBOX folder. THIS INDICATES THAT THE SURVEY WAS NOT UPLOADED.**



### **Appendix G - Part 2: Using the Seed Collection Report within a Web Browser (desktop/Tablet browser):**

You can also submit your Seed Collection Reports from a web browser, if desired. Although it's best to use the Survey123 mobile application to collect/report your Seed Collection report from the field, it's not always possible. We still have a way for volunteers to upload their field collection reports so that everyone involved within the MWAEBF project are updated on your seed collection activities! You must have P2 seed collector Report credentials to log-in and submit any Seed Collection Reports, so review the instructions above for obtaining your MWAEBF credentials. Not all volunteers will require credentials; only volunteers that are using the Seed Collector Report applications on their mobile device or desktop web browser.

<http://tinyurl.com/P2seeds2018>

**\*\* if you have any troubles opening this link; please contact Isaac Lisle ([isaac@pollinator.org](mailto:isaac@pollinator.org)) at the Pollinator Partnership and Brian Culpepper ([brian@cast.uark.edu](mailto:brian@cast.uark.edu)) at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.**

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### The Seed Collector Report can be submitted from within a Web Browser

The following desktop web browsers are supported (for best performance, be sure to update to the latest version):

- Chrome
- Firefox
- Safari
- Edge
- Internet Explorer 11

### Seed Collector Report – Credentials LOGIN page (Credentials are REQUIRED)

Survey123 for ArcGIS wants to access your ArcGIS Online account information

Sign In 

Survey123 for ArcGIS developed by: 

Esri

Esri publishes a set of ready-to-use maps and apps that are available as part of ArcGIS. ArcGIS is a mapping platform that enables you to create

Username  
|  
Password  
|

Keep me signed in

**SIGN IN** CANCEL

[Forgot password?](#) [Forgot username?](#)

### Seed Collector Report – Web Browser Form Opens (after a successful Sign-in)

Seed Collector v1.5

Seed Collection Report

Data Recorder Name\*  
Last name only

Collection Team and Project Site ID\*  
e.g. OHCT1.A

Collection Number\*  
Please enter this Seed Collection Number following the training material guidelines:

Seed Collection Date\*  
When did the Seed Collection occur?  
2018-04-11  
Please input a date between 02/01/2017-12/31/2018

State Name\*  
Which State is this seed collection located?  
-Please Select-

County Name\*  
Please select a county or begin typing to shorten the pick list.  
-Please Select-

Locate the Collection Site:  
Enable Location Services, or ZOOM into the map to precisely locate the site. The Red marker will be the lat./long. collected when you submit this survey.  
Set Location

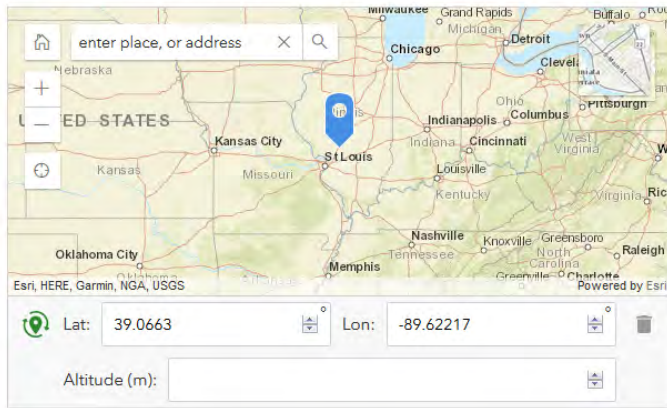
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By clicking the “Set Location” the map view will open, and if you’re using a mobile browser, it may be able to locate you using the internal GPS of the device you’re using.

If not, then you can use a Place Name or Street address to locate your Seed Collection Site, but make sure to drag the map under the PIN so that you can precisely locate the collection site. Toggle various background base maps by clicking on the *thumbnail map* in the upper-right corner of the map window. An internet or cell tower connection is required.

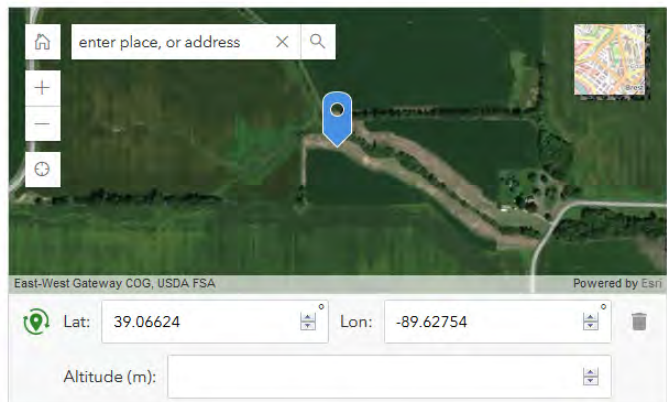
### Locate the Collection Site:

Enable Location Services, or ZOOM into the map to precisely locate the site. The Red marker will be the lat./long. collected when you submit this survey.



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p2mouser Sign Out

**Seed Type Collected:\***

-Please Select-

- Swamp milkweed
- Common milkweed
- Whorled milkweed
- Partridge pea
- Tall coreopsis

<input type="checkbox"/> Partridge pea	<input type="checkbox"/> Tall coreopsis	<input type="checkbox"/> Whorled milkweed
<input type="checkbox"/> Late boneset	<input type="checkbox"/> Ox eye Sunflower	<input type="checkbox"/> Common boneset
<input type="checkbox"/> Foxglove beardtongue	<input type="checkbox"/> Narrowleaf mountainmint	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild bergamot
<input type="checkbox"/> Black eyed susan	<input type="checkbox"/> Smooth blue aster	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow coneflower
<input type="checkbox"/> Frost Aster	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio Spiderwort	<input type="checkbox"/> New England aster
<input type="checkbox"/> Frost Aster	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio spiderwort	<input type="checkbox"/> White vervain
<input type="checkbox"/> Giant ironweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Alexander	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

p2mouser Sign Out

**Collection Site Photo:**  
Include people and try to capture the collection area character.

[Click here to upload image file. \(<10MB\)](#)

**Plant Photo:**  
Please include the actual plants or group of plants collected from at this site.

[Click here to upload image file. \(<10MB\)](#)

**Seed Photo:**  
High-contrast, clear image including an item for image scale such as a coin.

[Click here to upload image file. \(<10MB\)](#)

**Leaf Photo:**  
A clear leaf photo from the plant(s) that seed was collected.

[Click here to upload image file. \(<10MB\)](#)

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p2mouser   Sign Out  
Click here to upload image file. (<10MB)

**Data Sheet Photo:**  
A photo of any field notes taken during the collection.

Click here to upload image file. (<10MB)

**Land Cover Type:\***  
Which Land Cover category best describes this seed collection site?

-Please Select-

**Was permission required to access the site?**

-Please Select-

**Volunteer Census:\***  
How many Volunteers were present during this Seed Collection effort?

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Please input a number between 0-100

**Was permission required to access the site?**

Yes

**How did you gain permission?**

-Please Select-

- Written Permission (signed agreement)
- Verbal Permission from owner/agency
- Other

Please input a number between 0-100

**Site Description:**  
Field notes for this seed collection site?

Please input 0-350 characters

[Get Local Weather](#)

**Air Temperature:**  
Measured during the collection in degrees Fahrenheit (F)

123

Please input a number between 10-130

**Relative Humidity:**  
If known for the day and time of this seed collection.

123

Please input a number between 0-100

[Contact Technical Support](#)

Submit

**Appendix H:**  
**Contact Information**

## Appendix H. Contact Information

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**Appendix I:**  
**Collection Tracking Sheet**

