

Purple loosestrife is an introduced European species. It was first introduced to North America in the early 1800's and quickly spread throughout the United States and Canada. Purple loosestrife is a long-lived perennial with magenta colored flowers. Flowering long spikes can be seen, from July to October. The stem is very distinctive in that it is square. This characteristic can be helpful, when identifying it. One plant can produce in excess of two million seeds. Spread is by seed and by root fragments.



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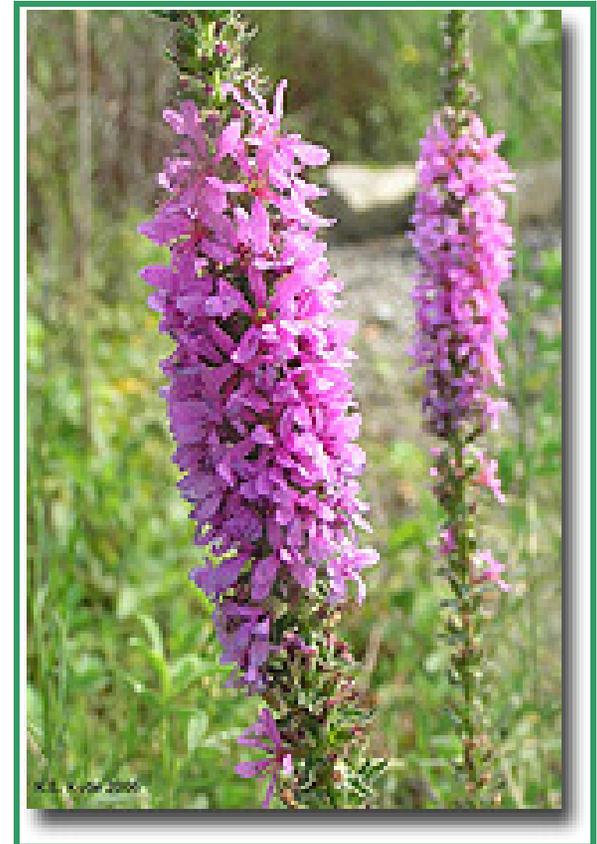
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Purple loosestrife
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