

Weed Alert!

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(*Lythrum salicaria*)

Mature Size Shoulder



Description

- 3-10 ft. perennial with showy purple-magenta flowers
- Many 5-7 petaled flowers, clustered on a spike 3 in. to 3. ft. tall
- Narrow leaves are opposite with smooth margins, $\frac{3}{4}$ -4 in. long
- Stems are erect, green to purple, square in cross-section
- Plant is deciduous and has a dense bushy appearance with a woody base
- Reproduces by seed and from rhizomes
- Spread by horticulture, wind, water
- Native to western Asia and eastern Europe



Bloom Period Jun - Sep

Habitat Lakes, rivers, estuaries, marshes, riparian woodland



2-Minute Removal Dig

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