

# Weed Alert! Pokeweed



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(*Phytolacca americana*)

**Mature Size** Shoulder



## Description

- Fleshy perennial plants with purple stems up to 10 ft. tall
- White to magenta flowers
- Dies back completely in winter
- Unpleasantly scented
- Glossy purple-black berries popular with birds (can be fatally toxic to livestock and humans)
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread primarily by birds
- Native to eastern US



**Bloom Period** Jul - Aug

**Habitat** Riparian



**2-Minute Removal** Dig