

# Weed Alert!

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(*Lathyrus latifolius*)

**Mature Size** Vine



## Description

- 2-7 ft. perennial vine with a climbing habit and long tendrils
- 1-2 in. wide pea flowers are pink, red or white and grow in clusters of 5-15 and are sweet-smelling
- Seed pods hairless and flat, 2 in. long and ½ in. wide
- Seedpods green when young, maturing to brown and non-edible; smaller than edible peas
- Broad “wings” run lengthwise down stem
- Tendrils form between leaflets
- Leaves are opposite
- Reproduces by seeds and vegetatively from rhizomes
- Spread by roads, waterways, horticulture
- Native to Europe



**Bloom Period** May - Sep

**Habitat** Riparian, scrub



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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