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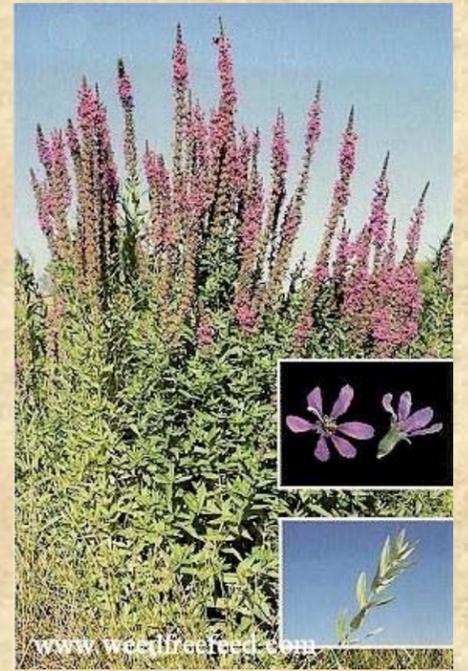
# WANTED

(Dead, Not Alive)

PURPLE

LOOSESTRIFE

(a.k.a. *Lythrum salicaria*)



This weedy, seedy, desperado was last seen growing in Springfield

## CRIMES COMMITTED:

- ◆ Costing a bundle for taxpayers to control
- ◆ Choking and the deliberate takeover of native plants
- ◆ Stealing land, homes, water, and food from wildlife
- ◆ Invading open lands, roadsides, waterways, and recreation areas
- ◆ Wreaking havoc and mayhem on unsuspecting ecosystems

## DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:

- ◆ Grows 2 ft to 10 ft in height and up to 5 ft wide
- ◆ Stem can be smooth to hairy, four sided and multi-branched
- ◆ Leaves are 4 inches long, lance-shaped, and opposite or whorled
- ◆ Magenta flowers have five to seven petals that look wrinkled and crushed
- ◆ Flowers are less than 1/2-inch long, arranged singly at intervals on the stem
- ◆ Crowned flower spikes appear at the stem tip in mid summer
- ◆ Caution: This plant looks similar to Cusick's checkermallow (*Sidalcea cusickii*); a rare native specie

## CONTROL METHODS:

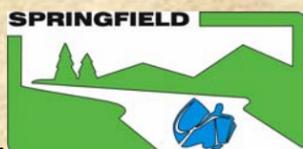
- ◆ Pull young plants, removing the root, and all plant material
- ◆ Remove budding stalks during the flowering season to stop seeding
- ◆ Allow plant material to dry before composting

## JOIN THE INVASIVE WEED PATROL:

- ◆ Notify your neighbors when you spot this weed on their land
- ◆ Remove all weed seeds from clothing, shoes, pets, camping gear, and tires
- ◆ Report any sightings on public lands to your local land managers

## REWARD

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Additional Information

Oregon Department of Agriculture: Invasive Species Hotline: 1-866-468-2337

Noxious Weed Control Program: (503)986-4621 or [Oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/index.shtml](http://Oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/index.shtml)

Lane County Extension Service: (541)682-4242 or 1-800-872-8980 or [Extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/index.php](http://Extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/index.php)

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides: (541)344-5044 or [Pesticide.org](http://Pesticide.org)

Native Plant Society of Oregon Emerald Chapter: [EmeraldNPSO.org](http://EmeraldNPSO.org)