

Removing Invasive Species: Purple Loosestrife

Lythrum salicaria



Identifying Purple Loosestrife: It has small pink or purple flowers that grow in spikes on the stem (top left). The leaves are long and skinny and are opposite each other on the stem (top right). It grows in wetlands and ditches (bottom).



Restoration experts are excited about the use of the a non-native beetle biological control that only feed on Purple Loosestrife and die when it is gone.



Replace purple loosestrife with the cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*). Check out our Nature Snapshot of this flower in the Mill River Falls snapshot!