Purple Loosestrife—Lythrum salicaria L.
Prohibited Noxious Weed- Control List

Perennial—3-7 feet tall
Found primarily along river/stream, lakeshores, wet roadsides and wetlands.
Reproduces by seed and fragments of roots or stems.
Control:
Biological Control:
- effective and selective, best done while plant is in flower (i.e. July and August) and before it goes to seed.
Mechanical Control:
- loosen soil with garden fork or shovel; grasp plant firmly near the base and pull evenly to avoid detachment
- Plants should be dried, burned or put in garbage and disposed of in a sanitary landfill where there is no chance of spreading
- Check annually for new plants

More Information:
http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/ais/purpleloosestrife_info