

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