

JEWELWEED
Impatiens capensis

Located in wet or springy places and even in acid swamps throughout the Division. Also known as Spotted Touch-Me-Not, Snapweed and Lady's Earrings.

A bushy, branched annual, 0.5 to 2.5 m high. Leaves elliptical, coarsely toothed; blue-green color. The hanging flowers are orange with crimson spots. The spur on each flower is about 1/2 the over all length of the blossom; parallel to the sac. Flowers bloom from June through September. There are many recognized flower-variations. Ripe seed-pods burst when touched.

The juice from the crumpled leaves when applied to the skin is purported to be an antidote for poison-ivy. The seeds are eaten by upland game birds and mice; the nectar from the flower is a favorite food of Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds; the vegetation may be eaten by rabbits.





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