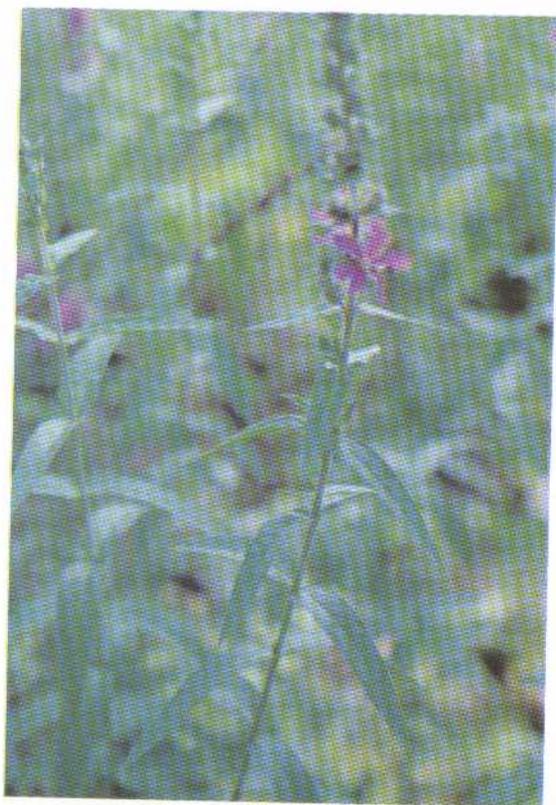


SPIKED LOOSESTRIFE

Lythrum Salicaria

Located in swamps, wet meadows and river flood plains throughout the Division. Also known as Purple Loosestrife, Bouquet Violet, Spiked- or Sage- Willow, Willow Herb or Weed and others. Several recognized varieties.

An erect, more or less downy perennial, becoming more branched; stems 4-angled, 0.6 to 1 m high. Leaves are lance-shaped, opposite or sometimes in threes, stalkless or somewhat clasping the stem, toothless; 5 to 8 cm long. Flowers have 4 to 6 purple petals; occur in dense clusters on a terminal spike; clusters interrupted by short green, leaflike bracts; blooming from June to September.





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