



Purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, is a common exotic weed occurring in wetlands and introduced from Eurasia.

Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds

FICMNEW is a formal partnership established in 1994 and currently includes 18 federal agencies with direct invasive species management, regulatory, and research responsibilities across the United States and territories. For more information: www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/ficmnew

FICMNEW's Purpose: To coordinate the development and sharing of scientific and technical information through collaborative efforts among the federal partnership to inform regional and national management of noxious and exotic weeds.

What is a Weed?

Although there is no universal federal definition, the following apply:

Noxious weed: any plant or plant product that can directly or indirectly injure or cause damage to crops (including nursery stock or plant products), livestock, poultry, or other interests of agriculture, irrigation, navigation, the natural resources of the United States, the public health, or the environment (Plant Protection Act).

Invasive species: with regard to a particular ecosystem, a non-native organism whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm, or harm to human, animal, or plant health (Executive Order 13751).

Non-native species or alien species: with regard to a particular ecosystem, an organism (including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species) that occurs outside of its natural range (E.O. 13751).



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