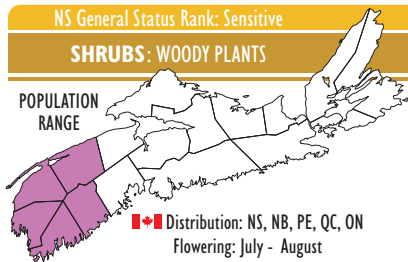


POPULATION  
RANGE

■◆ Distribution: NS, NB, PE, QC, ON  
Flowering: July - August

**SIZE:** 1-3 m tall.

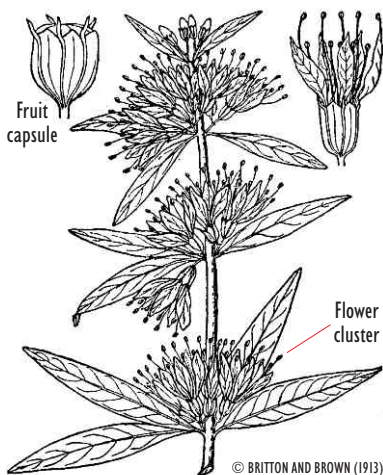
**LEAVES:** Lance-shaped, 5-15 cm long and 1-4 cm wide with smooth edges and short pinkish-purple stalks. They are paired on the stem (opposite) or in groups of 3-4 in a circle around the stem (whorled). Leaves are bright green, gradually turning red in late summer and fall.

**STEM:** Slender with lengthwise ridges and somewhat woody near the base. The base is underwater or in saturated soil and is distinctly spongy. Stems are highly flexible, typically strongly arching and will often root at the tips. They are yellowish or greenish-brown gradually turning red later in late summer.

**FLOWERS:** Pinkish-purple, in clusters, and with conspicuous 10-15 mm long petals. Clusters are located where the leaves meet the stem (axil).

**FRUITS:** Round pink capsules approximately 5 mm in length.

**NOTES:** Also known as Swamp Loosestrife.



Late summer colours and arching stems

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Regrowth after ice scour

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Flowers

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Spent flowers

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Circularly arranged leaves

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Flower clusters in leaf axils

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**Habitat:**

Wet boggy or rocky lakeshores and stream margins.

**Interesting point:** Despite its name, this plant does not belong to the Willow family but to the Loosestrife family.

**Similar species:** None.