

## Purple loosestrife *Lythrum salicaria*

### QUICK FACTS:

- › Classification: Marsh plant (family Lythraceae)
- › Origin: Eurasia
- › First validated occurrence in the Great Lakes basin: Ithaca, New York (Dudley 1886)
- › Means of introduction: Likely first introduced to N. America from ships and then into the Great Lakes basin via railroads and along canals
- › Key impacts: Competes with native species for habitat and other resources, spreads quickly and can overtake native species



### LITERATURE CITED

Dudley, W. R. 1886. The Cayuga Flora. *Bulletin of the Cornell University (Science)* Vol. 2.