

## Purple Loosestrife



**Plant:** An escaped ornamental, Purple Loosestrife is still commonly found in flower gardens. This plant chokes off riparian areas and lakes with the dense, mat-like roots it forms and is capable of producing over one million seeds. The stem is square-ish and the leaves are opposite, occurring up the stem of the plant.

**Flowers:** Flowers of this plant are purple to light pink and have a papery texture. They occur in a spike at the top of the stem and have 5-7 petals.

**Where to Find This Weed:** Purple Loosestrife prefers moist to wet soils that have high organic content that are neutral to alkaline. It can be found in marshes, along rivers, ponds and lakes.

**This invasive plant is listed in the Alberta Weed Control Act as a Prohibited Noxious Weed. Please call Westlock County Agriculture Services at 780-349-3346 ext. 280 for identification and recommendations.**

