

INVASIVE AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANTS

Purple Loosestrife & Garden Loosestrife
Lythrum salicaria & *Lysimachia vulgaris*

BOTH GARDEN AND PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE are common additions to flower gardens. These invasive plants are a major threat to wetlands because of their ability to tolerate saturated soils and spread rapidly into non-disturbed areas. Purple loosestrife is notorious for forming uniform stands; it crowds out all native plants and reduces wetland habitat. Garden loosestrife is a new, serious concern as it has been observed outcompeting noxious purple loosestrife in Washington State wetlands.



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King County Noxious Weed Control Program

CLASS B WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

RECOMMENDED AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANTS

Gayfeather
Liatris spicata

EYE-CATCHING, purple spiked perennial.

- Tall spikes of purple flowers are similar in appearance to purple loosestrife
- Takes full sun
- Blooms July through September, around the same time as purple loosestrife
- Unlike purple loosestrife, it likes well-drained soils



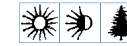
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RECOMMENDED AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANTS

Meadow Rue
Thalictrum aquilegifolium

LIGHT, AIRY MAUVE to purple flowers above feathery foliage.

- Mauve to purple flowers are similar to purple loosestrife
- Thrives in moist, rich soils, like purple loosestrife
- Full sun to light shade
- Leaves resemble those of the columbine



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Wisón's Ligularia
Ligularia wilsoniana

A TALL, SHOWY, wetland perennial.

- Spikes of bright yellow flowers open in mid-to-late summer, about the same time garden loosestrife blooms
- Grows in moist conditions, like garden loosestrife
- Takes full sun to partial shade



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ADDITIONAL AQUATIC & WETLAND PLANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Agastache foeniculum, *Hebe 'Purple Picture'*, *Lobelia cardinalis*, *Mimulus guttatus*, *M. lewisii*, *Penstemon species*, *Prunus tenella*, *Coreopsis grandiflora*, *Caryopteris incana*