

# STOP THE INVASION



## Dame's Rocket

*Hesperis matronalis*

**Often a contaminant of wildflower seed mixes– do not purchase seed mixes that do not list the latin names of the contents.**

## UNWANTED PLANTS

### Origin

A biennial or short lived perennial, native to Europe and South West Asia. Was introduced as an ornamental but has escaped and spread across most of the continent. Resembles Garden Phlox, except Garden Phlox has 5 petals and opposite leaves and Dame's Rocket has 4 petals and alternate leaves.

### Impacts

A prolific seed producer that can dominate moist areas of meadow, forest edges and riparian areas excluding native species.

### Where to Look

Tolerant of partial shade and requires moist soils so it does best in humus rich soils of wooded areas and along forest edges.

### Control

Hand pulling is the most effect means of control as the roots come out easily, repeated removal will exhaust seed bank. The chemical glyphosate has also been proven effective and should be applied to the rosettes.



Garden Phlox

### Look for:

**Stems:** Multiple and grow up to 1m tall.

**Leaves:** Lance shaped, arranged alternately with serated edges, Dark green and hairy on both sides.

**Flowers:** Can be white, lavender-pink or purple, 4 petals, blooms from Mid-May to June.

**Seeds:** Small and black, formed in pods called siliques that become papery as they mature.



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**Report a Sighting:**



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