

Brittlestem hempnettle

Galeopsis tetrahit

Description

Delays the establishment of native species in areas.

Habit

Annual; erect; ranges from 1/2 to 3 ft tall.

Leaves

1-5 in long, short-stalked, opposite, ovate-lanceolate to lanceolate, and sparsely pubescent on both sides.

Stems

Swollen below leaf nodes; erect; simple or branched; 1/2 - 3 ft tall.

Flowers

Terminal or borne in axillary clusters, range in color from purple and pink to white, 1/2 - 3/4 in long, bilaterally symmetrical with split lower lip.



Fruits and Seeds

Seeds are egg shaped, mottled grayish brown.

Habitat

Native to Europe and Asia. Found in disturbed sites, roadsides, gardens, agricultural lands; Requires constant moisture.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Wild mint (*Mentha arvensis*); American dragonhead (*Dracocephalum parviflorum*) and Hairy hedgenettle (*Stachys pilosa*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling for small infestations; cutting.

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