

# Rampion bellflower

## Campanula rapunculoides

## Description

The leaves and roots are edible and in Russia, has been used as a cure for hydrophobia.

#### Habit

Erect; perennial; little branched; rhizomatous.

#### Leaves

Alternate, 5 in long and 2 in across, lower leaves are long-stalked, heart shaped, coarsely-toothed margins; Upper leaves sessile, lanced shaped.

#### **Stems**

Light green to reddish brown in color; glabrous to slightly hairy; and terete or angular.

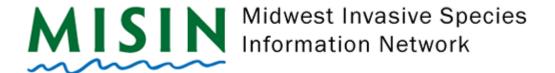
### **Flowers**

Light purple in color, borne in the axils of the upper leaves, occur along one side of stem, 5 united sepals, 5 united petals.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Round capsule containing numerous small, elliptical, light brown seeds with small wings;





produces 3000 seeds or more annually.

#### Habitat

Native to Europe. Grows well in areas of moist soils.

## Reproduction

By seed and occasionally from the long rhizomes.

#### Similar

Native Harebells (Campanula rotundifolia).

## **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Hand pulling or cutting and bagging flower spikes pre-bloom; glyphosate is effective for spot applications, dicamba for larger infestations.

#### **Credits**

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