

Deptford pink

Dianthus armeria

Description

Considered endangered in the UK and introducted to the United States as an ornamental for gardens.

Habit

Erect, herbaceous annual or biennial plant growing 8-24 inches tall, delicate.

Leaves

Up to 3 inches long and 1/8 inch wide, opposite, sessile, linear, pubescent, entire, acute to obtuse.

Stems

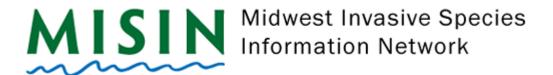
Green, slender, and stiff, mostly hairless except at the leaf nodes and near the flowers.

Flowers

Pink in color, 5-parted, 1/2 inches wide, toothed petals with white spots; hairy, inflorescence with 3-5 flowers in a tight, branched cluster (cyme); blooms July-August.

Fruits and Seeds





Each seed is orbicular or rein form and flattened with small bumps across the surface.

Habitat

Native to Europe. Found in disturbed sites such as open woods, roadsides, railroads, waste ground, pastures, and fields.

Reproduction

Spreads by seed. The root system consists of a slender taproot.

Similar

Maiden pink (Dianthus deltoides)

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Manual hand-pulling.

Credits

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