

Flat pea

Lathyrus sylvestris

Description

Produces chemicals which are toxic found within the seeds.

Habit

Climbing; perennial; herbaceous; ranges from 6-7 ft; normal range of 18-30 in; dense vegetative mat.

Leaves

Composed of two long, narrow leaflets with parallel veins; bears a tendril that extend from the center of leaf.

Stems

Leaf-like appendages (winged).

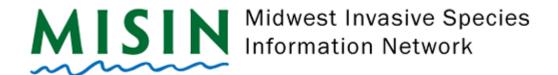
Flowers

Deep pink to reddish brown in color.

Fruits and Seeds

Round and black in color, borne in a pod 2-3 in long, tapered at both ends, mature fruit are yellowish legumes.





Habitat

Found in fields; areas of human activity such as roadsides and wooded areas.

Reproduction

By seeds dispersal is short range.

Similar

When flowering can be easily confused with species of Crownvetch (Coronilla spp.), Vetch (Vicia spp.), and Violet (Viola spp.). Also similar to Perennial/Everlasting Pea (Lathyrus latifolius).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling; mowing.

Credits

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