

New Invaders Watch Program

Early Detection and Rapid Response Network

COMMON NAME: **DOG STRANGLING VINE**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Cynanchum rossicum*

FAMILY: *Asclepiadaceae*

ORIGIN: Europe

US INTRODUCTION: Likely introduced for ornamental purposes; first collected in New York State in 1897

MAJOR PATHWAYS OF SPREAD:

- Wind
- Vegetative spread

IDENTIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS:

- Herbaceous, perennial vines twine 3 - 8 feet high, spreads by seed and vegetatively
- Leaves dark green, shiny, opposite, toothless, narrowly to broadly oval-shaped with pointed tips
- Flowers maroon to pink with 5, pointed, hairless, triangular petals that are twice as long as wide
- Seed pods milkweed-like, slender and tapered. Seed on silky filaments
- Threatens prairies, woodlands and savannas



Vine and seed

NATIVE LOOK-ALIKES:

None

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Pale Swallow-wort Fact Sheet – Plant Conservation Alliance.
<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/cyro1.htm>



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