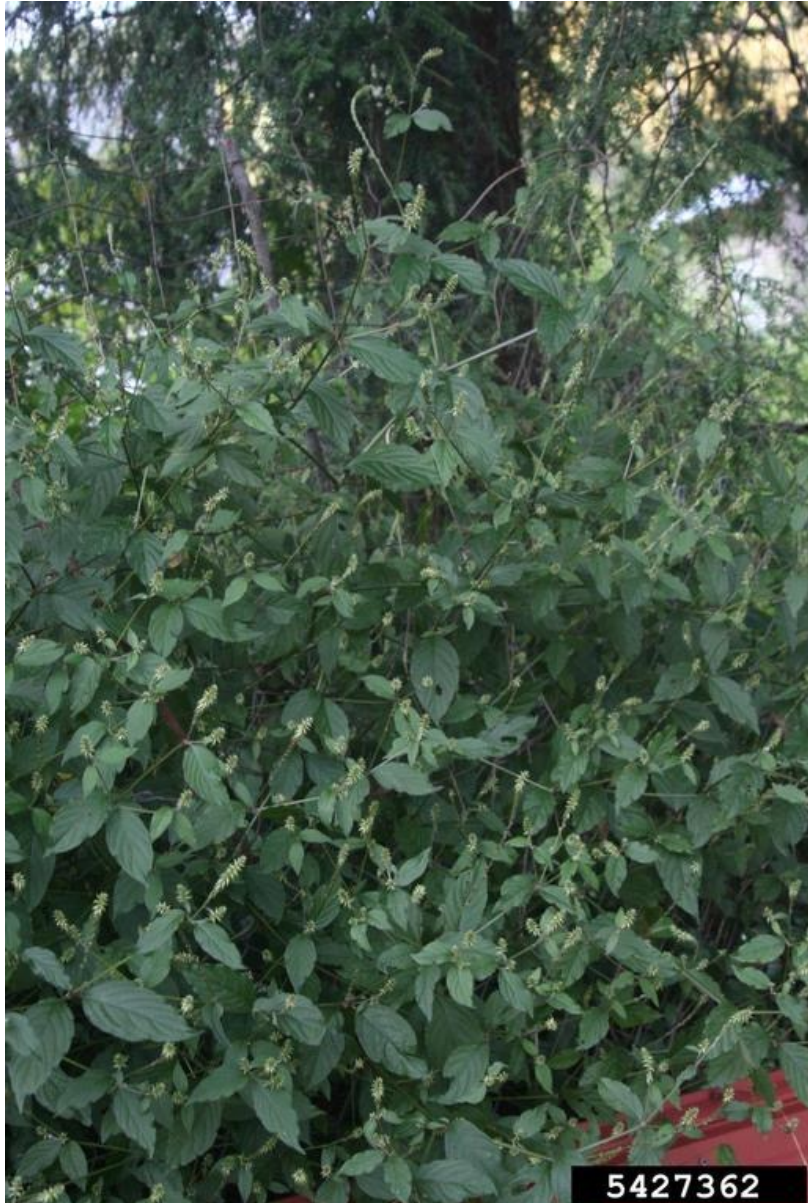


Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*)

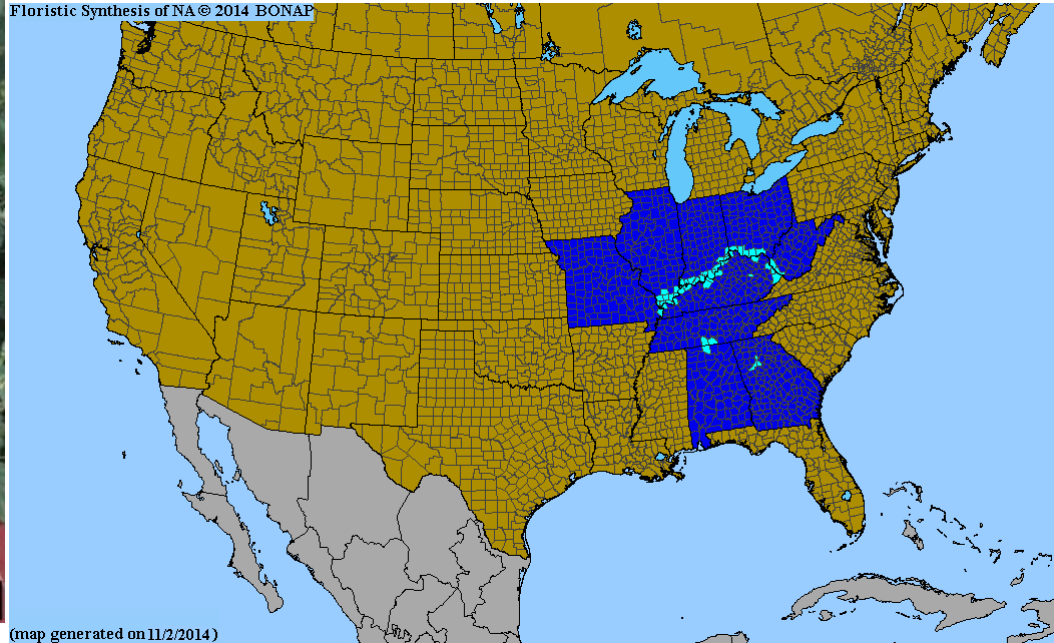


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- Branched herbs with tiny, pointed flowers and cone-shaped fruits
- Habitats it invades:
 - Riparian forests
 - Roadsides/ditches
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Prohibited (not escaped here yet)
 - Regulated in: IN

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Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*)



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Leaves opposite, simple

- Leaves egg-shaped, 1-5" long
- Leaves hairy or smooth
- Margins entire, slightly wavy
- Stems smooth or slightly hairy



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Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*)



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Flower/fruit

- Flowers whitish/greenish, lacking petals; summer
- Spiny bracts at the base of each flower
- Flowers borne on elongated terminal branches
- Fruits tapered at the tip, downward-pointing, detaching in fur and clothing



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Japanese chaff flower look alike



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Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*) has a similar growth habit and fruit dispersing strategy as the **native** lopseed (*Phryma leptostachya*). In flower, lopseed is unmistakable with its small, but **showy, tubular flowers with pinkish white petals**. In fruit, they can be told apart by lopseed's broader, **toothed leaves**.



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Japanese chaff flower look alike



Japanese chaff flower (*Achyranthes japonica*) also looks similar to its relatives: **native** and **non-native** pigweeds (*Amaranthus* spp.) and **native** snake-cotton (*Froelichia floridana*).



The **native** snake-cotton (*Froelichia floridana*) has opposite leaves, but its **flowers are white**, and the **fruits are covered in woolly hairs**.

Native and **non-native** pigweeds (*Amaranthus* spp.) differ in their **alternate** leaves.

