

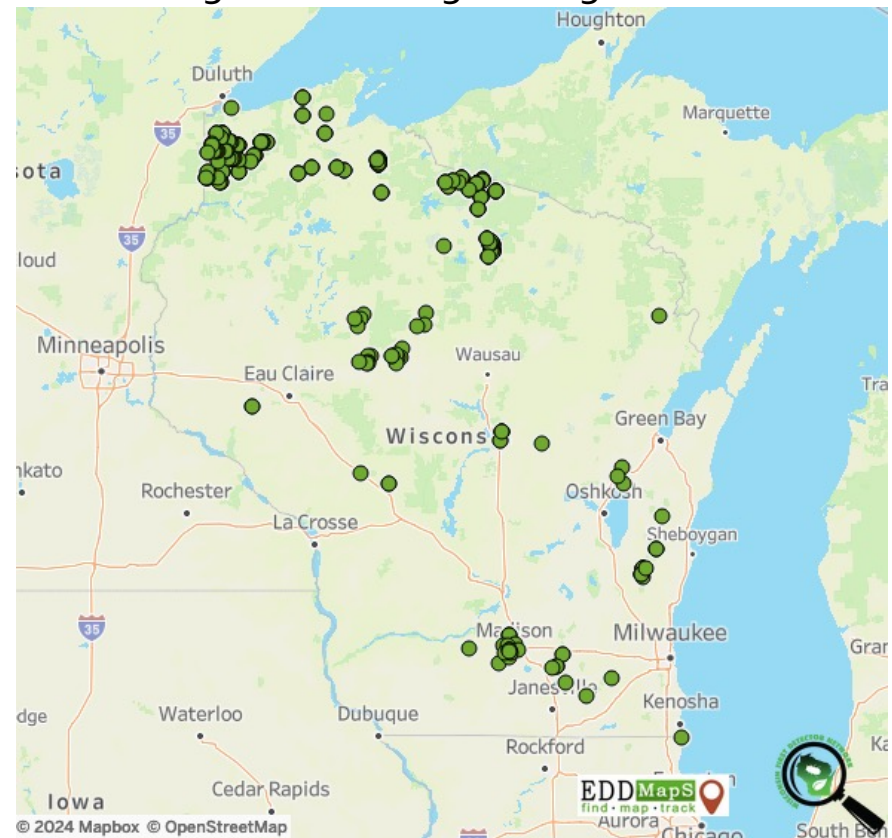
# Creeping bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*)



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- Large herb spreading via roots, with milky sap, and large bell-shaped flowers
- Habitats it invades:
  - Urban forests
- Status
  - Wisconsin: Restricted
  - Not regulated in neighboring states



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## *Leaves alternate, simple*



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- 2-4" long, heart-shaped, with tapered tip
- Leaf margins toothed
- Leaves and stems with milky sap
- Spreads underground via roots to form colonies



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## *Flower/fruit*

- Flowers are purplish, with 5 fused petals
- Flowers borne on elongated stem tips; June-Oct.
- Ovary is inferior
- Fruit is a capsule opening via holes at the top



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# Creeping bellflower look alike



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Creeping bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*) may get confused with **native** American bellflower (*Campanulastrum americanum*) or **native** harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*). All 3 species have purple, bell-shaped flowers arranged in long racemes at the top of stalks. They can be differentiated based on other flower characteristics.



**Creeping bellflower (I)** flowers bloom only along one side of the stem.



**American bellflower (N)** flowers are more saucer-shaped, have a white ring in the middle, and bloom on all sides of the stem.



**Harebell (N)** is a more delicate-looking plant, with stalked flowers.