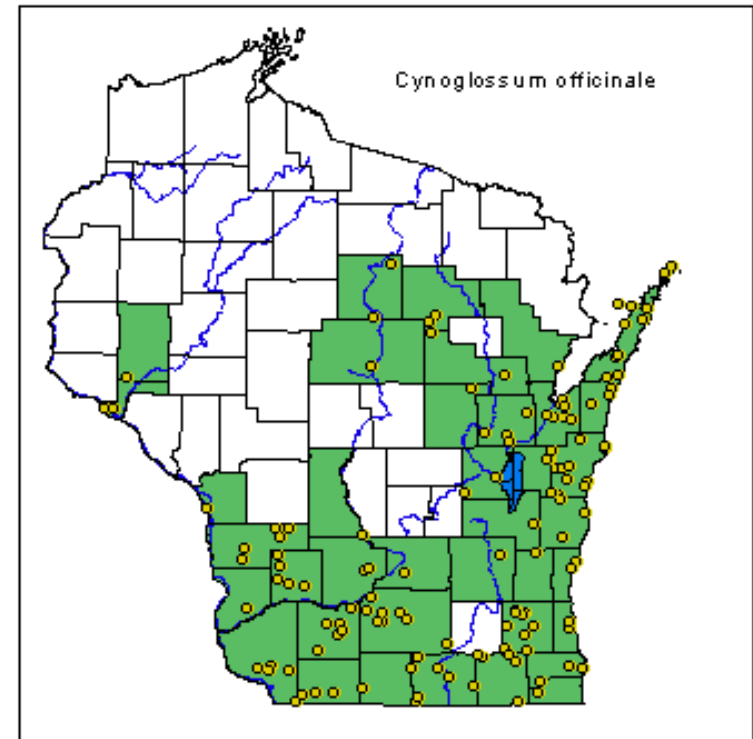


# Hounds tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)



- Robust biennial with softly hairy leaves, maroon flowers, and prickly fruits
- Habitats it invades:
  - Forests
  - Grasslands
- Status
  - Wisconsin: Restricted
  - Not regulated in neighboring states





# Hounds tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)

*Leaves alternate, simple*

- 6-12" long, elliptical, long-stalked, tapered to a pointy tip
- Leaves and stems softly hairy
- First year rosettes with larger leaves
- Stems unbranched until the top





# Hounds tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)



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## *Flower/fruit*

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- Flowers maroon, with five fused petals, the centers with a distinct dome
- Flowers borne in uncoiling branches; May-July
- Fruit is a cluster of four nutlets covered in barbs





# Hounds tongue look alike



Hounds tongue resembles the **native** beggar's lice (*Hackelia virginiana*), which is also a biennial with barbed fruits. Beggar's lice has **smaller, white flowers**, smaller fruits, and a **widely spreading, branched stem** with **roughly hairy leaves**.

