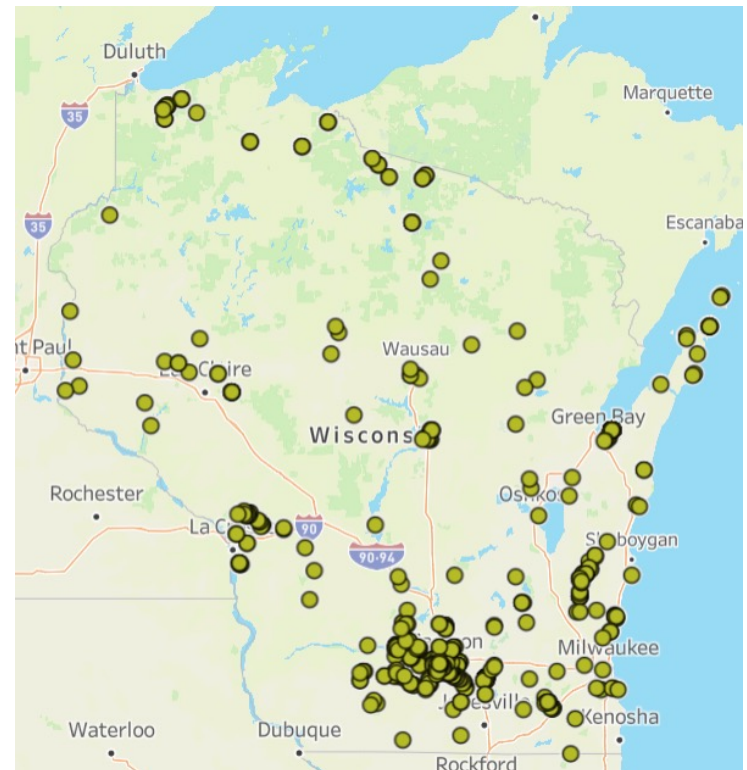




Dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

- Large, biennial mustard with long leaves and purple, pink, or white flowers
- Habitats it invades:
 - Forests
 - Roadsides
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Restricted
 - Regulated in: IN, OH





Dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

Leaves alternate, simple

- 5" long, lance-shaped with toothed margins
- Leaves taper to a sharp tip
- Lower leaves stalked, upper leaves not
- Leaves and stems are hairy





Dame's rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)

Flower/fruit

- Flowers are purple, pink, or white, with four petals, 6 stamens
- Flowers borne at the tips of branches, elongating later in the season; May-July
- Fruit is a cylindrical capsule





Dame's rocket look alike

Dame's rocket is most often confused with wild and garden *Phlox* species, and it can also be confused with annual honesty.



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Phlox flowers



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Phlox leaves

Species	Branching	Leaves	Flowers	Seeds
Dame's rocket (<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>) I	Alternate	Toothed, lance-oval shaped, pointed at tip, rounded at base	4 petals; color ranges from white to pink to purple; blooms May - July	Long, slender seed pods
Wild phlox (<i>Phlox divaricata</i>) N	Opposite	Toothless, stalkless	5 petals ; color ranges from pale blue to violet to reddish purple; blooms April - June	Oval capsule
Garden phlox (<i>Phlox paniculata</i>) N-N	Opposite	Toothless	5 petals ; color white, pale to deep pink, or pinkish purple; blooms July - September	Oval capsule
Annual honesty (<i>Lunaria annua</i>) N-N	Alternate	Toothed; heart-shaped	4 petals; color white to pink to violet; blooms late spring to summer	Flat, disk-shaped seed pods