

Bluebuttons (*Knautia arvensis*)



- Hairy perennial with lobed, opposite leaves and flowers in heads
- Habitats it invades:
 - Grasslands
 - Roadsides
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Restricted
 - Not regulated in neighboring states





Bluebuttons (*Knautia arvensis*)

Leaves opposite, simple

- 3-8" long, usually with prominent lobes
- Leaf margins may have teeth
- Stems and leaves hairy





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Flower/fruit

- Flowers pinkish to lilac, with 4 fused petals
- Flowers held in dome-shaped heads on naked stems; June-Sept.
- Fruit is hard, covered in little hairs



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Bluebuttons look alike

Bluebuttons (*Knautia arvensis*) may be confused with wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*) (N) because their flowerheads look similar.



BLUEBUTTONS flowerheads are comprised of tiny **4-lobed flowers**.
Opposite leaves are lance elliptic and **coarsely toothed or lobed**.
Multiple stems from the base of the plant, **densely hairy**.



WILD BERGAMOT flowerheads are comprised of tiny **tubular flowers** with a wide lower lip and thin upper lip.
Opposite leaves are **coarsely toothed, but not lobed**.
Stems are **square and reddish brown**.
Plant has **distinct aromatic smell**.