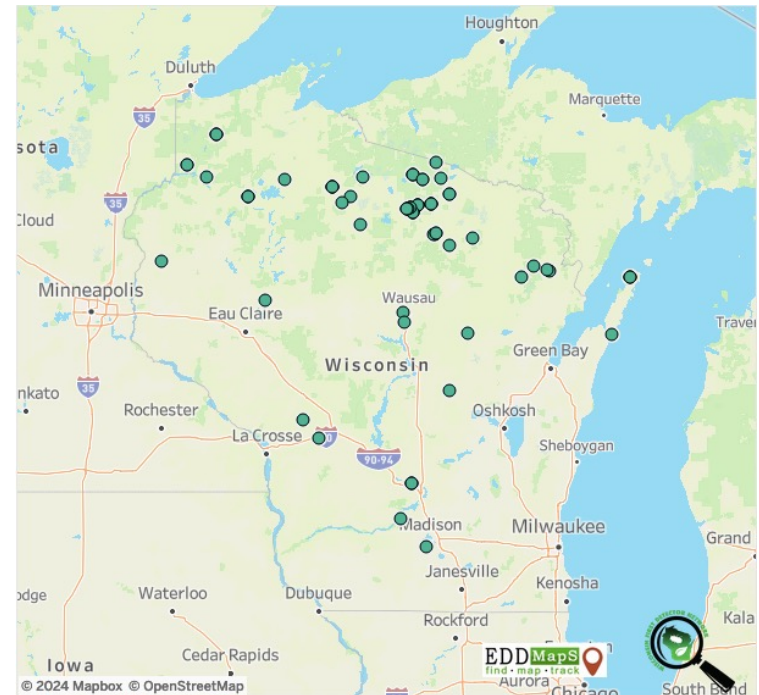




# Bristly locust (*Robinia hispida*)



- Root-suckering, medium-sized shrub with pink, pea-like flowers
- Habitats it invades:
  - Forests
  - Grasslands
  - Roadsides (prefers sandy soils)
- Status
  - Wisconsin: Restricted
  - Not regulated in neighboring states





# Bristly locust (*Robinia hispida*)

*Leaves alternate, pinnately compound*

- 6–12” long, composed of 7–13 egg-shaped leaflets
- Leaflet has a smooth margin, prickly midrib beneath
- Young shoots covered in glandular, red prickles
- Stipules present at base of petioles



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# Bristly locust (*Robinia hispida*)

## *Flower/fruit*

- Flowers rose-colored, pea-like, about 1" long.
- Flowers are borne in hanging clusters in the leaf axils and on tips of branches; June-July
- Fruit is bean-shaped and covered in prickles.



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# Bristly locust look alike

Bristly locust is most likely to be confused with other prickly-stemmed shrubs or trees. The combination of pinnately-compound leaves, pea-like flowers, and bean-like fruits should readily set it apart.

Species	Flowers	Leaves and stems
Bristly locust ( <i>Robinia hispida</i> ) I	Pink, pea-like	Pinnately compound leaves with 7-13 leaflets; young stems covered in dense prickles; suckering shrub
Black locust ( <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> ) I	<b>White</b> , pea-like	Pinnately compound leaves with 7-23 leaflets; young stems <b>with spines only at the nodes; large tree</b>
Gooseberries ( <i>Ribes</i> spp.) N	White or yellowish, tubular, <b>not pea-like</b>	<b>Simple</b> , lobed leaves; stems covered in prickles
Raspberries ( <i>Rubus</i> spp.) N	White, <b>flat</b> , petals spreading outwards	Leaves with <b>3-5 leaflets</b> ; stems covered in prickles

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Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)



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Gooseberry (*Ribes* sp.)



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