

Impatiens species look alike

The invasive *Impatiens*, Balfour's touch-me-not (*Impatiens balfourii*) and policeman's helmet (*I. glandulifera*), may be confused with the native jewelweeds, spotted touch-me-not (*I. capensis*) and pale touch-me not (*I. pallida*).



I. balfourii



I. glandulifera



I. capensis



I. pallida

Species	Branching	Leaves	Flowers
Balfour's touch-me-not (<i>Impatiens balfourii</i>)	Alternate	Oval-shaped leaves with long tip, serrated edges	Long stalks of 4-8 pinkish-purple flowers ; petals fused to form hood and twin lips; large, uncurved spur
Policeman's helmet (<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>)	Opposite or whorled	Lance-oval shaped, toothed, 6" leaves with pointed tip	White to pink to purple flowers ; small spur bends down
Spotted touch-me-not (<i>Impatiens capensis</i>)	Alternate	Oval to egg-shaped; hairless; widely spaced teeth; up to 3" long, 1 ½" wide; stalks up to 1" long	Orange , sometimes with reddish spots; long spur curves under the tube ; groups of 1-3
Pale touch-me-not (<i>Impatiens pallida</i>)	Alternate	Oval to egg-shaped; hairless; toothed; up to 5" long, 3" wide; stalks up to 2" long	Yellow , sometimes with reddish spots; narrow spur in back bends down ; groups of 1-3