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Flowers bisporangiate or some of them monosporangiate, on twigs of current season; hypanthium tubular, constricted above ovary; leaves alternate; stamens 4.

- a Leaves lanceolate, silvery scales on both sides; calyx tube slightly longer than lobes; fruit yellow, stalks 2-4 mm long. 1. E. angustifolia
- a' Leaves elliptic to ovate or lanceolate, green and somewhat glabrescent above, silvery scales beneath; calyx tube at least 2 times as long as lobes; fruit red, stalks 3-5 mm long. 2. E. umbellata

1. *Elaeagnus angustifolia L.

Planted Ornamental (native of Eurasia)

Shrub or small tree; leaves alternate, lanceolate or narrowly lanceolate; leaves and young branches covered with silvery scales only; fruit yellow with silvery scales.

HERBARIUM RECORDS: 7 Jun 1967-OSU campus, cult., Cols., Cooke & Stuckey; 12 May 1986-OSU, W Campus, Cols., Blanco; 18 May 1988-OSU, between Campus Loop Rd. & Howlett Hall parking lot, Chinery 49; 22 May 1988-W. Thurber Dr., Cols., Kelly 27; 3 Jun 1993-jct. of Bethel Rd. & Olentangy River Rd., Cols., Sharon Twp., Lowden 5071; 3 Jun 1993-S on Rt. 315, Lane Ave. exit, Clinton Twp., Lowden 5072. NOTE: Not mapped for Franklin Co. by Cooperrider 1995:166.

2. *Elaeagnus umbellata Thunb.

Planted Ornamental (native of E Asia)

Shrub or small tree; leaves alternate, elliptic to ovate-oblong; leaves and young branches with silvery and brown scales; fruit red.

HERBARIUM RECORDS: 24 Jul 1986-Highbanks Metro Park, scattered, Kosko; 25 May 1994-main entrance to Darby Creek Metro Park, 1665 Darby Creek Dr., Stahl.

NOTE: Planted in every Metro Park (pers. comm., Jim Stahl). Not mapped for Franklin Co. by Cooperrider 1995:166 (illus. p. 164).

HALORAGACEAE, Water-milfoil Family

Aquatic or marsh herbs; emersed leaves entire, toothed, or pinnatifid, submersed ones pinnatifid with linear or filiform segments; monoecious; flowers epigynous, bisporangiate or monosporangiate, sessile, axillary, solitary or few together; perianth regular; carpels 3-4, united, locules and ovules as many.

1. MYRIOPHYLLUM L. Water-milfoil

Submersed; leaves opposite or whorled; flowers small, 2-bracted, in axils of emersed leaves or bracts, the whole forming spikes, usually the carpellate below, the staminate above, and the bisporangiate in the transition zone; calyx of 4 sepals deeply parted in the staminate, toothed in the carpellate; petals 4 or none; stamens 4 or 8; carpels 4, separating at maturity, each 1-seeded, indehiscent; styles and stigmas separate.

Bracts, at least the lower, longer than flowers and fruits. a

- Carpels in fruits smooth; stamens 8; bracts pinnatifid. 1. M. verticillatum var. pectinatum b
- b' Carpels in fruit rounded or keeled, beaked; stamens 4; bracts serrate to entire; stem stout. 3. M. heterophyllum
- a' Bracts shorter than flowers and fruits; stamens 8; stems white in drying; carpels in fruit smooth or finely tubercled. 2. M. sibiricum

1. †Myriophyllum verticillatum L. var. pectinatum Wallr.

Aquatic herb; flower on emersed stems; bracts of inflorescence deeply pinnatifid. HERBARIUM RECORD: 1840-Cols., Sullivant.

NOTE: Sullivant 1840:10 (Myriophyllum species?, sine fl. & fr.). Not mapped for Franklin Co. by Cooperrider 1995:197 (illus. p. 196).

2. †Myriophyllum sibiricum Kom.

Native to Naturalized (European)

Syn.: M. exalbescens Fernald, M. spicatum

REFERENCE: Craig 1890:79 (common in ponds around the island and in the lake).

NOTE: No specimens seen from Franklin Co. Not mapped for Franklin Co. by Cooperrider 1995:195 (illus. p. 196). Kellerman & Werner 1893:226-227 referred to #143 Myriophyllum spicatum on Craig's list as a doubtful identification and indicated "a thorough but unsuccessful search was made ... in the localities named, the same season that the list was published."

Autumn-olive

Columbus, Ohio

Whorled Water-milfoil

Common Water-milfoil

Russian-olive, Oleaster

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3. †Myriophyllum heterophyllum Michx.

Broad-leaved Water-milfoil

REFERENCE: Craig 1890:79 (abundant in the lake).

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LYTHRACEAE, Loosestrife Family

Herbs; leaves opposite, whorled, or alternate, simple, entire; flowers perfect, perigynous, often dimorphic or trimorphic in length of filaments and of style; petals rarely none or sepals and petals 4-7, stamens as many or twice as many; carpels 2-6, united, ovary completely or incompletely 2-6-loculed; placentation axile; style 1; fruit a capsule.

- a Corolla not regular; hypanthium spurred or saccate on one side; sepals and petals 6. 5. CUPHEA
- a' Corolla regular or absent; hypanthium regular.
 - b Hypanthium cylindric, longer than wide; sepals and petals 5-7, stamens as many or twice as many. 4. LYTHRUM
 - b' Hypanthium as wide as long, globose in fruit; petals 5, 4, or none.
 - c Tall plants with alternate, whorled, or opposite leaves; petals usually 5, stamens 10, of 2 lengths; flowers trimorphic. 1. DECODON
 - c' Low plants with opposite leaves; petals 4 or none; stamens equal; flowers of one form.
 - d Flowers usually solitary in axils; bases of leaves tapering. 2. ROTALA
 - d' Flowers usually clustered in axils; bases of at least upper leaves auricled. 3. AMMANNIA

1. DECODON J.F.Gmel. Swamp Loosestrife

Herbaceous to slightly shrubby; growing in swamps; stem angled, elongate, usually arching and rooting at nodes; leaves opposite, whorled, or alternate, lanceolate, short-petioled; flowers showy, trimorphic, in nearly sessile clusters in axils of upper leaves; sepals 4-8, alternating with linear appendages; petals 5, purple-pink, 10-15 mm long; stamens 10; capsule 3-5-loculed, dehiscent.

1. Decodon verticillatus (L.) Elliott

Swamp Loosestrife

Shrub-like, branches arched; leaves usually opposite or in whorls; blades lanceolate; flowers clustered in axils of upper leaves; petals purple-pink; hypanthium subglobose.

REFERENCES: Sullivant 1840:14; Selby & Craig 1890:10; Cooperrider 1995:170 (illus. p. 169). HERBARIUM RECORDS: 1840-Cols., Sullivant; 4 Jun 1931-Westerville, Hicks.

2. ROTALA L. Tooth-cup

Low herbs of wet soil; stems erect or prostrate; blades opposite, short-petioled, linear-spatulate, 1-3 cm long; bases of leaves tapering; flowers small, solitary and sessile in axils; sepals 4, about as long as alternating appendages; petals 4, minute, white or pink, early deciduous; stamens 4; capsule 4-loculed, dehiscent; hypanthium equaling capsule.

1. Rotala ramosior (L.) Koehne

Tooth-cup

Herbs; leaves opposite, linear-spatulate, narrowed at base to short petiole; flowers and fruits solitary and sessile in leaf axils; hypanthium globose to subglobose; petals white or pink, falling early. Wet places, mudflats.

REFERENCES: Sullivant 1840:13 (Ammannia humilis Michx.); Selby & Craig 1890:10; Kellerman & Werner 1893:228 (fields back of North Dormitory, 5 Aug 1890); Cooperrider 1995:168 (illus. p. 169).

HERBARIUM RECORDS: 5 Aug 1890—Cols., Werner (CLM, OS); 29 Aug 1933—Baumgardner's Pond, Chapman; 2 Oct 1987—W bank of the Olentangy R., just N of Lane Ave. bridge and S. of Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, wet open mudflat, T. Lammers & Stuckey 6191; Summer 1988—along the Olentangy R., OSU campus, mudflat near Fawcett Center, DeLong; 13 Oct 1991—Olentangy R., mudflat N of Lane Ave. bridge, S of Fawcett Center, Clinton Twp., Lowden 4879.

3. AMMANNIA L.



Low glabrous herbs of wet places; blades opposite, sessile, narrow, auricled at base; flowers small, axillary, usually clustered; hypanthium 4-angled; sepals 4, small, appendages in sinuses; petals 4, small, early deciduous; stamens 4 or 8; capsule bursting irregularly.

1. Ammannia robusta Heer & Regel

Sessile Tooth-cup

Petals pale lavender; flowers and fruits nearly sessile, peduncle not more than 1 mm long; fruits more than 3.5 mm wide.

REFERENCE: Cooperrider 1995:170 (illus. p. 169). NOTE: No specimens seen from Franklin Co.

4. LYTHRUM L. Loosestrife

Stems 4-angled; leaves opposite, alternate, or whorled; flowers often dimorphic or trimorphic, solitary or in axillary clusters, sometimes in spikes; hypanthium cylindric, striate; sepals 5-7, alternating with appendages; petals 5-7, purple, red-purple, or white; stamens as many or twice as many as petals, inserted lower in hypanthium; style slender; capsule 2-loculed.

- a Leaves opposite or whorled; flowers in clusters in upper axils, clusters in spikelike inflorescence; plants more or less downy; stamens twice petals. 1. L. salicaria
- a' Leaves, at least part of them, alternate; flowers solitary or in 2's in axils; stamens not more numerous than petals. b Petals 5 mm long; hypanthium narrowly 12-winged. 2. L. alatum
 - b' Petals 2-3 mm long; hypanthium not winged. 3. L. hyssopifolia

1. *Lythrum salicaria L.

Naturalized (native of Eurasia)

Plants pubescent above; leaves opposite, whorled; flowers reddish-purple, several in axils; inflorescence racemose to spike-like.

REFERENCES: Stuckey 1990:4; Cooperrider 1995:171 (illus. p. 172).

HERBARIUM RECORDS: 15 Aug 1972—Scioto R. at Greenlawn Ave. bridge, uncommon on backwater bay mudflats, Roberts 3037; 24 Jul 1973—ditch along RR S of Lincoln Ave. and E of Indianola Ave., SE edge of Worthington, Thorp; 4 Aug 1974—borrow pit along Olentangy R. near intersection of Rt. 315 & W. North Broadway, Roberts 4409 (KE, OS); 28 Jul 1979—S end of abandoned limestone quarry, E bank Scioto R., about 1 mi. S of Dublin on Rt. 33, W. Carr 1755; 27 Jul 1980—along RR between I-270 & Wilson Rd. at ODOT Garage, Sharon Twp., NW Cols. Quad., Cusick 20240; 10 Jul 1982—Pickerington Marsh, Owens; Summer 1988—along the Olentangy R., OSU campus, Cols., DeLong; 5 Aug 1989—along Godown Rd., wet ditch between Commerce Pl. & Le Anne Marie Circle, Perry Twp., Lowden 4238; 23 Jun 1991—E bank of Scioto R., James J. Thomas Park, near Fishinger Rd. Bridge, Perry Twp., Lowden 4732; 5 Jul 1991—E bank of Olentangy R., between Lane Ave. and King Ave., OSU campus, Clinton Twp., Lowden 4761.

2. Lythrum alatum Pursh

Wing-angled Loosestrife

Plants with several branches; stems glabrous; lower leaves opposite, upper alternate, bases rounded; corolla pinkpurple; 1-2 flowers in each axil, hypanthium with prominent nerves, stamens or style exserted.

REFERENCES: Craig 1890:79-80 (I found this 31 Jul, growing in marshy ground in the W part of the island near the central lagoon where it occurs sparingly; it is not given in Sullivant's "List of plants growing in the vicinity of Cols.," and there is no record of its having been found in the county); Selby & Craig 1890:10; Cooperrider 1995:171 (illus. p. 169).

HERBARIUM RECORDS: Aug 1889—"Island," OSU Farm, Cols., Craig; 1 Jul 1891-towards Georgesville, Selby; 9 Aug 1990-S side of Hibbs Rd., swampy area, 1 mi. E of Rt. 104, Jackson Twp., Lowden 4537.

3. †Lythrum hyssopifolia L.

Grass-Poley, Hyssop-leaved Loosestrife

Purple Loosestrife, Spiked Loosestrife

REFERENCES: Riddell 1834:118 (wet prairies); Sullivant 1840:14; Selby & Craig 1890:10. NOTE: No specimens have been seen from Franklin Co. Not mentioned for Franklin Co. by Cooperrider 1995:170.

5. CUPHEA P.Browne

Viscid-hairy; stem erect, branching; leaves opposite, ovate-lanceolate, petioled; flowers solitary or in 2's in axils, sessile or short-stalked; hypanthium tubular, oblique, ribbed, spurred on one side; sepals 6, appendages in sinuses; corolla irregular; petals red-purple, about 1 cm long; stamens usually about 11-12.

1. Cuphea viscosissima Jacq.

Blue Waxweed, Clammy Cuphea

Plants viscid-hairy; corolla irregular, red-purple; leaves opposite, lanceolate; hypanthium cylindric. Syn.: C. petiolata (L.) Koehne, a preoccupied name

REFERENCES: Riddell 1834:118 (wet prairies); Sullivant 1840:14; Selby & Craig 1890:10; Cooperrider 1995:173 (illus. p. 172). HERBARIUM RECORDS: 1840—Cols., Sullivant; Oct 1890—Central College, Bogue (CLM, OS).

THYMELAEACEAE, Mezereum Family

Shrubs; leaves alternate; flowers perigynous, bisporangiate; sepals present, sometimes minute; corolla none; stamens 8; carpels united; fruit a drupe.

1. DIRCA L. Leatherwood

Shrub with tough bark and flexible branches; leaves short-petioled, blades obovate, entire; flowers in small axillary clusters, appearing before the leaves; hypanthium tubular-funnelform, yellow, margin (sepals scarcely evident) wavy or shallowly toothed; style and stamens exserted; locule and ovule 1.

1. Dirca palustris L.

Leatherwood

Plants woody, tree-like shrub; branches flexible; leaves alternate, obovate, entire; flowers yellow, appearing before the leaves; fruit a greenish to reddish drupe.

REFERENCES: Riddell 1834:118; Selby 1891a:111a; Cooperrider 1995:165 (illus. p. 164).

HERBARIUM RECORD: 9 May 1891-Big Darby, Selby.

NOTE: Sullivant 1840:24 and Selby & Craig 1890:15 reported on plants collected in adjacent counties. See Braun 1961:273.

ONAGRACEAE, Evening-primrose Family

Herbs; leaves alternate or opposite, simple; flowers epigynous, perfect, epigynous hypanthium present or absent; corolla regular or rarely somewhat zygomorphic; sepals and petals usually 4 (2-6); petals separate or rarely none; stamens usually 8 (2-8); carpels usually 4 (2-6), united, locules as many or rarely 1; style 1, sometimes short; stigma 1 or with lobes as many as carpels; fruit a capsule or nutlike.

Clarkia pulchella Pursh (Farewell-to-spring) was reported by Selby 1891a:111a (found at Sellsville), Selby 1891b:75 (circus grounds), and Cooperrider 1995:175. This adventive herb has pink-lavender 3-lobed petals (6 Jul 1891—Sellsville, Selby).

- a Sepals, petals, and stamens 2. 5. CIRCAEA
- a' Sepals and petals 4 to 6 or rarely none.
 - b Epigynous hypanthium very short or absent.
 - c Petals purple, red-purple, pink, or white; calyx and short hypanthium, when present, deciduous; seeds with tufts of hairs. 2. EPILOBIUM
 - c' Petals yellow or greenish or none; calyx persistent in fruit; seeds without tufts of hairs. 1. LUDWIGIA
 - b' Epigynous hypanthium elongate, slender.
 - d Petals usually yellow, if pink or white then 2-4 cm long; fruit prismatic, cylindric, or clavate; flower regular.
 3. OENOTHERA
 - d' Petals white or pink, slender, less than 1 cm long; fruit fusiform, indehiscent; flower somewhat irregular.
 4. GAURA

1. LUDWIGIA L. False Loosestrife

Of wet soil or water; stems erect or prostrate; flowers solitary, sessile or short-stalked, in upper axils; perianth regular; sepals, petals, and stamens 4, or petals none, sepals persistent in fruit; carpels 4; ovary often square in cross section; bractlets usually present on ovary or below; length of capsule less than twice width.

a Leaves alternate; flowers stalked or sessile. 1. L. alternifolia