

AGALINIS AURICULATA (Michx.) S.F. Blake
Ear-leaved-foxglove

FAMILY: Scrophulariaceae

SYNONYMS: *Tomanthera auriculata* (Michx.) Raf.
Gerardia auriculata Michx.

HABIT: Annual hemiparasitic herb, 3-8 dm; flowers and fruits Aug.-Sept.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species can be distinguished from other members of the genus by its dark-green foliage, heavy pubescence, auricled leaves and lavender corolla with pale-pink throat and red-purple spots.

TOTAL RANGE: NJ and PA to MN, s. to VA, AL, TN, AR and TX.

STATE RANGE: There are post-1980 records from Adams County. There are pre-1980 records from Ottawa County. Bentz and Cooperrider (1978) also report the species from Butler and Muskingum Counties.

HABITAT: Mesic prairies, dry fields, open woodlands; associated with disturbance.

HAZARDS: Overgrowth by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Possibly good since the species appears to persist in the seedbank and respond to disturbance.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering or fruiting specimens.

COMMENTS: The species should be sought in appropriate habitats, especially in disturbed habitats in and around Adams and Ottawa Counties. This species is currently under consideration for federal listing.

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