

EUPATORIUM HYSSOPIFOLIUM L.
Hyssop Thoroughwort

FAMILY: Asteraceae

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial, 3-14 dm.; flowering August-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species, with its narrow whorled leaves, is fairly distinctive. It may be confused with other white-flowered *Eupatorium* species, especially *E. altissimum*, or *Kuhnia eupatorioides*.

TOTAL RANGE: Coastal states from MA to n. FL and w. to LA, and sometimes inland to OH, KY, and TN.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Jackson County. Pre-1980 records from Franklin & Pike counties.

HABITAT: A variety of well-drained, open areas on acidic soils.

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

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Presumed good due to its generalized habitat.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature flowering material is needed for identification.

COMMENTS: This species displays extreme morphological variability throughout its range. Diploid and triploid races are known and the species may be of hybrid origin. Ohio plants have been treated as the var. *lacinatum* Gray. However, this species is herein considered a single, variable entity pending further research.

This is a fairly conspicuous plant when in bloom. However, it may be easily overlooked in vegetative condition. It should be sought throughout southern Ohio. It may prove more frequent than the few records indicate.

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