

AGALINIS GATTINGERI (Small) Small  
Gattinger's-foxtail

FAMILY: Scrophulariaceae

SYNONYMS: *Gerardia gattingeri* Small

HABIT: Annual hemiparasitic herb; flowers and fruits Aug.-Oct.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Two other long-pedicled species, *A. tenuifolia* and *A. skinneriana* (which is also rare in Ohio) may be confused with *A. gattingeri*. *A. gattingeri* can be distinguished from all other members of the genus except *A. skinneriana* by the distinctive reticulate veins on its calyx. It also has single terminal flowers on abundant branches; the flowers have pink corollas with two yellow lines and many red spots inside. *A. skinneriana*, on the other hand, has less branching and flowers in terminal racemes; the corollas have few or no internal markings.

TOTAL RANGE: Sw. Ont. and se. MI to s. MN, s. to e. NE, AL, La and TX.

STATE RANGE: Post-1980 records from Darke, Franklin, and Lucas counties. This species has only been collected once in Ohio before 1980, in 1929 from Delaware County.

HABITAT: Moist to dry, open to semi-open habitats, especially in acidic soils; barrens, prairies and open woods.

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

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but probably poor as a result of its extreme rarity.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering or fruiting specimens.

COMMENTS: Since this species so closely resembles other members of the genus, it may be overlooked in Ohio. It should be sought throughout the state.

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