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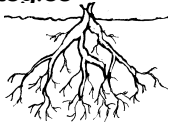
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- Thickened fibrous roots
- Primary spread: Seed



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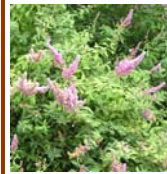
Purple Loosestrife

Lythrum salicaria

A Non-native Plant

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Native Look-alikes



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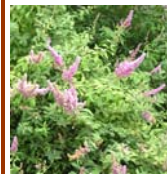
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