

WEED OF THE WEEK- DAME'S ROCKET

Identification

Dame's Rocket is often found growing as an escaped ornamental plant in moist habitats and has a perennial life cycle. It is a concern because it may be spread in wildflower mixes, displace native vegetation, host for crop diseases and is a prolific seed producer.

- Flower** 4 petals, purple, pink and or white in colour and a fragrance.
- Leaves** Stalkless, alternately arranged on the stem, small hairs on both sides, toothed edges. Rosette leaves can be as long as 15cm and stem leaves are 5-15cm (smaller towards the top of the plant).
- Stem** up to 1m tall, branched, covered with small hairs.
- Root** Shallow, slender roots.
- Seed** Reproduces by seed, thin, wiry seed pods are 5-10cm long, each plant can produce up to 20,000 seeds and have high viability.
- Control** Hand picking or herbicide control before flowering.

