

KENT FIELD LOWER SLOPE - PERIODICALLY INUNDATED WITH WATER (1-8)



**hollow-stemmed Joe pye weed**  
*Eutrochium fistulosum*

Wetland native. Dark purple hollow stems, wrinkled leaves with serrated edges in whorls of 4-6. Flower heads pink. Attracts pollinators.



**common boneset** *Eupatorium perfoliatum*

Wetland native. Clusters of white, fluffy flower heads. Leaves hairy, tapering to long tips, joined together at base and stem goes through them (perfoliated). Attracts pollinators.



**short-toothed mountain mint**  
*Pycnanthemum muticum*

Dark green, hairy, lanceolate leaves crowned by silvery bracts under white purple dotted flowers. Smells strongly of mint. Grows in tall, dense clusters, attracts pollinators.



**spotted water hemlock** *Cicuta maculata*

Wetland native in carrot family. Pink purple hollow stems. Alternate compound serrated leaves. Flat topped clusters of tiny white flowers. Toxic plant parts, most poisonous in NA.



**great blue lobelia** *Lobelia siphilitica*

Wetland, non-native in eastern MA. Dark green, wide, toothed alternate leaves from which emerge a thick stalk, adorned with tubular purple-blue flowers each with 3-cleft lower lip.



**purple loosestrife** *Lythrum salicaria*

Invasive, wetland, non-native. Dark green, lanceolate leaves. Squared dark stems to 2m tall topped with spire of magenta flowers. Spreads via rhizome and self seeding.

KENT FIELD UPPER SLOPE – DRY, ROCKY, WELL-DRAINED SOIL (9-12)



**purple stem aster** *Symphyotrichum puniceum*

Tall wetland plant with purple, hairy stems and violet flowers. Leaves lanceolate with serrated edges and pronounced central veins.



**Fireweed or pilewort** *Erechtites hieraciifolius*

Pioneer species, adaptable. Prefers moist soils. Leaves wide, long, lance shaped, sharply toothed. White flowers on hairy stems on top of the plant. Wasp pollinated.



**Lance Leaved Plantain** *Plantago lanceolata*

Invasive, common in urban environments. Short, with a rosette of lanceolate leaves with parallel veins, topped with an egg-shaped flowering stalk. Indicates acidic and compacted soils.



**Prickly or compass lettuce** *Lactuca serriola*

Non-native, common in meadows and urban environments. Tall, straight stem. Alternate leaves with prickly outgrowths along midrib on underside. Upper leaves may turn to orient towards the sun.



**common milkweed** *Asclepias syriaca*

Common, adaptable, aggressive. Large, rounded leaves and thick, coarse stem exude milky latex when broken. Clusters of fragrant, pink-purple flowers turn into crescent shaped, hairy seed pods. Host plant for monarch butterfly.



**whorled milkweed** *Asclepias verticillata*

Needle shaped leaves form in upward whorls of 3-6 around slender stem. Small white or greenish white flowers turn into thin seed pods. Host plant for monarch butterfly, spreads mostly via seed. Rare in MA