



Mimulus ringens

Allegheny monkeyflower

Family Scrophulariaceae

Origin Native

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DESCRIPTION

Easily identified from its attractive almost orchid-like bluish-violet tubular flowers. The square stem (1 m tall) and finely toothed leaves are both hairless. Leaves (5-10 cm long) are opposite, lance-shaped with rounded bases clasp the stem.

FLOWERS AND FRUITS

June through September. The flowers are found on long stalks (20-45 mm) at the leaf axils (where leaf meets stem). The tubular blue-violet flowers (sometimes pink) are many lobed and have two yellow spots at the base of the middle lobe. Fruits are capsules (10-13 mm long) and strongly ribbed.

HABITAT

Marshes, calcareous fens, swamps, sand and gravel bars, wet meadows, and disturbed edges of streams and creeks.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Mimulus alatus, sharpwing monkeyflower, also a wetland obligate but much less common, differs in its stalked non-clasp leaves, and flowers on very short stalks (10-20 mm) in comparison.



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Mimulus alatus