

Salvia glutinosa, Sticky Sage

The sticky name comes from the seeds, which can attach to wildlife such as deer just as easily as they can attach to your pet at home. Sticky sage has an extremely high invasiveness rating and at this time is only found in NY.

Population Status: Confirmed- Lower Hudson PRISM, Finger Lakes PRISM.

Description: This deciduous perennial herb grows up to 16-20 inches tall. It has petioles that are almost as long as the leaves which are opposite and toothed. The sticky hairs are present on the leaves and stem alike and it grows densely, covering areas of woodland. Deer do not eat it but they will spread it as the seeds of this plant are sticky.

Control: No manual control options. Digging up root system could be an option if patch size is very small.

Look-alikes: Horse Nettle (native) has a much different flower and spines on the stem instead of hairs.

Flower Time and Description: Sticky Sage flowers into purple-splotched, yellow flowers that bloom in the late spring.

