Dame’s Rocket - Hesperis matronalis

Short lived perennial plant that can reach up to 3 feet in height.

Reproduces by seed

Dame’s Rocket likes to grow in moist and mesic woodlands and along creek banks.

Loose clusters of fragrant white, pink or purple flowers that bloom from May to August on stalks 2-3 feet in height.

Locating and removing plants immediately before seed sets is the best way to prevent the spread of Dame's Rocket.

CHEMICAL CONTROL:

Round-Up (glyphosate), Telar XP, or 2-4, D Amine. To avoid damaging adjacent native vegetation, apply herbicide in late fall when the rosettes are still green.

MECHANICAL CONTROL:

Tillage combined with cultural control (planting of desired plants) can be effective.

Pulling may need to be done for several years to remove new plants established from the seed bank. Pulling or use of a dandelion digger is most effective when the soil is moist is effective.