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Decodon verticillatus

[Synonyms : *Decodon verticillatus* var. *laevigatus*, *Lythrum verticillata*, *Nesaea verticillata*]

SWAMP LOOSESTRIFE is an aquatic shrub. Native to eastern North America it has small purple flowers with projecting stamens.

It is also known as Grass poly, Milk willowherb, Peatweed, Redroot, Slink-weed, Swamp willowherb, Water oleander, Water willow, Wild oleander, and Willowherb: and in flower language is said to be a symbol of freedom.

Verticillatus means ‘whorled (round an axis)’.

The common name Slink weed is said to be a reference to the belief that the shrub makes cows ingesting it abort or ‘slink’.