**Habitat:**
- Damp, shaded areas near wooded streams and floodplains, roadsides

**Ecological Impacts:**
- Forms dense colonies that can displace native species

**Timing:**
- Flowers May - early June
- Fruits in June
- Produces large quantities of seed from May into July

**Management:**
- Cut flower heads or pull when soil is moist before plant sets seed. Make sure to get roots to prevent resprouting
- Dispose of plants with flower heads in bags

**Plant at a Glance:**

1. **Leaf:** Year 1, rosette of leave at base
   Year 2, alternate on stem, toothed, hairy on both sides
2. **Flower:** Year 1, does not flower*
   Year 2, fragrant, clustered, 4-petaled (white to pink)
3. **Fruit:** Year 1, does not fruit*
   Year 2, thin, narrow seed pods

*Note: Biennial life cycle

**Native Alternative:**

**Summer phlox, Phlox paniculata**
- Blooms July - October (flowers have five petals)
- **Habitat:** moist or moderate conditions in woods, wetland borders, thickets
- **Benefits and Uses:** fragrant flowers and nectar that attract butterflies, skippers and moths like the hummingbird moth
- **Growing tips:** moist conditions with part sun and loamy soil

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