

MUST ERADICATE!

Grecian Foxglove *Digitalis lanata*

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!



Infestation



Rosette (1st year)



Flowering stalk

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Grecian Foxglove (perennial) creates dense stands that threaten savanna and prairie communities. **DANGER! May be fatal if eaten.** Plants produce a chemical heart stimulant, which may be absorbed through the skin. Wear protective clothing and rubber gloves if coming into contact with this plant. By Minnesota Statutes, all of the plant above and below ground must be destroyed. Additionally, transportation, propagation, or sale of these is prohibited except as allowed by Minnesota Statutes.

Identifying Characteristics:

- **Flowers** bloom in June and July. The spikes have many cream-colored tubular flowers with purplish-brown veins. Flowers at the bottom of the stem bloom first and decrease in size giving it a cone-like appearance.
- **Seed pods** are covered with small hooks, aiding dispersal by clinging to fur, feathers, or clothing. Once open, the small seeds are easily moved by wind, water, humans, and other animals. Seeds are viable in the soil for 3-4 years.
- **Leaves** form a rosette its first year, then bolts and sends up a single flowering stem its second and subsequent years 2-5 ft. tall. Leaves along the flowering stem are alternate and without teeth.

If found in

RAMSEY COUNTY

1 Take pictures and notes.

Please include the location's address, description of the surroundings, and GPS coordinates, if possible.

2 Report by app

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