

Himalayan balsam

Impatiens glandulifera

Species of Union concern



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Invasive species native to the Himalayas. **Widespread** in the wild in Belgium

Found in **alluvial forests** and **open areas** along streams, sometimes **far from rivers** in the **alluvial plain**



Terrestrial plant that can grow to heights of 2,5 m

Toothed leaves measuring 5 to 20 cm long in whorls of 3 or opposite.

Seed pods opening by explosion.

Flowering from June to October



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Forms **dense stands**



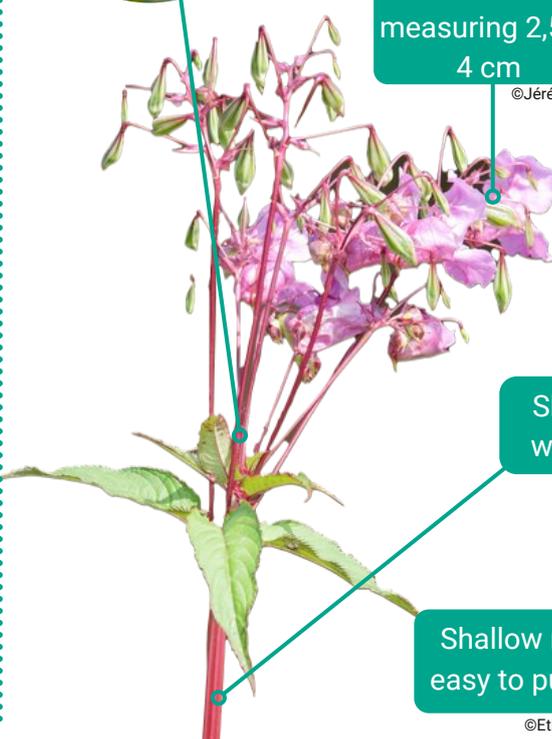
Reddish petioles with two glandular structures at their base

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Pink flowers measuring 2,5 to 4 cm

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Shiny hollow stems with a reddish color

Shallow roots easy to pull out



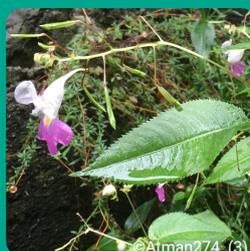
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Not to be confused with

Impatiens balfourii - Exotic

- Alternate leaf arrangement with 40 to 50 teeth on each side
- Bicoloured flowers with a white upper part



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Senecio ovatus - Native

- Alternate leaf arrangement
- Deep roots difficult to pull out
- Yellow flowers



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