



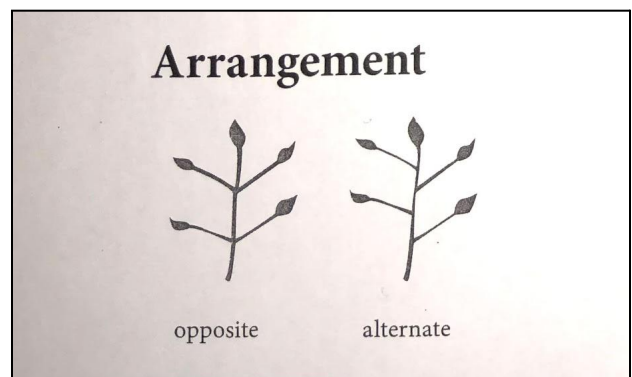
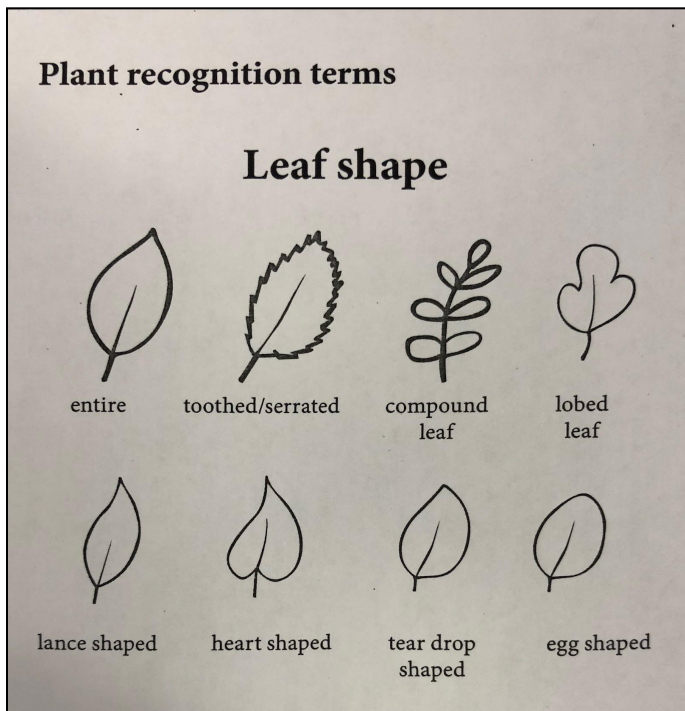
Ontario Plant species at Risk  
**ENDANGERED: Stiff-leaved Showy Goldenrod<sup>1</sup>**

height: up to 2 metres  
 description: large, toothed, egg-shaped lower leaves and much smaller upper leaves, small yellow flowers form a cylindrical cluster.



Ontario Plant species at Risk  
**ENDANGERED: Four leaved milkweed**

height: 20 to 80 centimetres tall  
 description: opposite pair leaves, clusters of small, pinkish-white flowers.



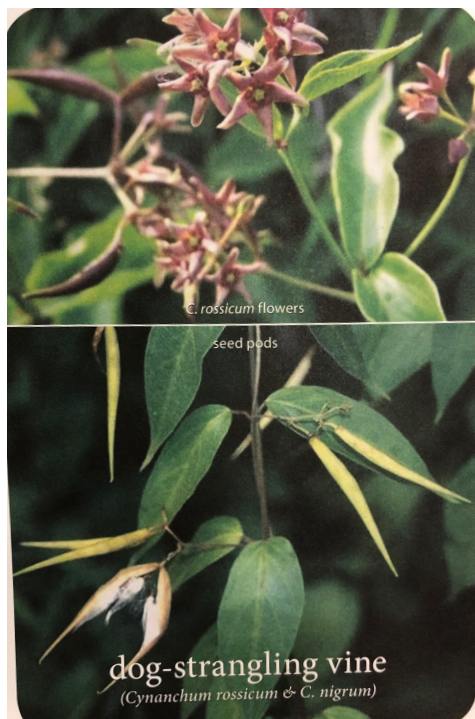
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario>  
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## Invasive Plant Species

Invasive plants threaten native plants by crowding them out, reproducing faster, and outcompeting habitats. This disrupts the **ecosystem** because there is less food and shelter for wildlife dependent on native plants. If there are less native plants and less wildlife, there is less **biodiversity** (the number of different living things).<sup>2</sup>

### Garlic Mustard

height: up to 1 metre  
description: alternate leaf with saw tooth-like edge, heart shape. younger leaves are not toothed. Garlic/onion smell when crushed. small clusters of white flowers with four petals.



### Dog-strangling vine

height: 60-200 centimetres (up to 2m)  
description: opposite, smooth, lance shaped leaves. pink or purple flowers with five petals.  
similar native species: swamp milkweed, found near wetlands.

<sup>2</sup>From [A quick reference guide to Invasive Plant Species](#) by Credit Valley Conservation, The Ontario Invasive Plant Council and Royal Botanical Gardens (no date).