

## Common Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

Aster Family

**Other Common Names:** thoroughwort

**Scientific Name:** *Eupatorium perfoliatum* L.

**Plant Symbol:** EUPE3

**Distinguishing characteristics:** Flower heads white in small fuzzy clusters on a many branched, flat-topped inflorescence; leaves are opposite one another (rarely whorled), hairy, with a pointed tip, and are very distinctive where the leaf bases wrap around the stem and appears as if the stem is growing through the middle of the leaf; stems are densely hairy.

**Plant Height:** 3-5 ft., erect

**Blooms/Fruits:** August-October

**Duration:** Perennial, herbaceous

**Pollinator Value:** Fall blooming flowers are highly attractive to butterflies and native bees.

**Habitat:** Damp low ground, banks of ponds and streams, fens, sloughs, marshes, crop fields, and fallow fields.

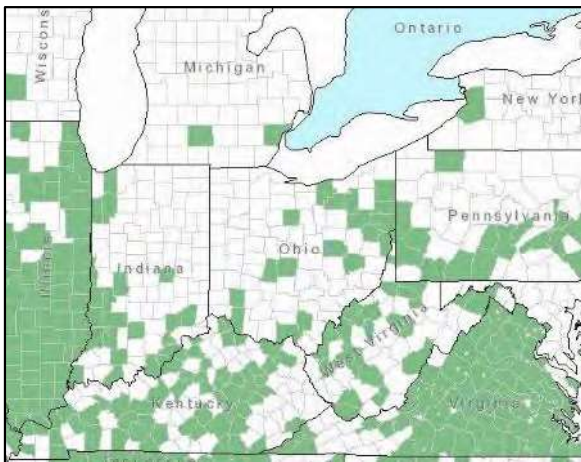


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Full flowering/close-up of blooms



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Close-up of leaf arrangement



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