

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

MEADOW CLARY

(*Salvia pratensis*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Native to temperate Europe
 - Perennial forb
 - Grows up to 0.8 metres tall
 - Each plant has 1 to 8 erect stems (10 to 20 cm long) with very few leaves
 - All leaves at the base of the plant
 - Aromatic and covered in fine hairs
 - Violet-blue flowers irregularly spaced along the stem, in whorls of 4 to 8 per node
 - Small bracts occur under each flower whorl
 - Leaves egg-shaped (8 to 15 cm long) and opposite, with a wrinkled texture
 - Fibrous roots
 - Flowers form 4 nutlets, one seed per nutlet
 - Prefers disturbed, well-drained soil and open canopy in temperate climates; grows along linear corridors, in grasslands, crops, floodplains and mowed lawns.
 - Reproduces mainly by seed, may reproduce vegetatively at start and end of life cycle.
- Local dispersal mainly by wind, water and wildlife. Wildflower seed mixes, online plant sales and contaminated hay are the main pathways for long distance spread.



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REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES

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PRIMARY THREAT: Invade rangelands and impact forage production.

LOOK-ALIKES

Wild clary (*Salvia verbenaca*),
Common sage (*S. officinalis*),
Greek sage (*S. fruticosa*) and
meadow sage (*S. bertolonii*)

Photo by Diane Williamson, EfloraBC



DISTRIBUTION IN BC

There are no confirmed occurrences in BC. There is one unconfirmed report in the East Kootenays.



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm