

Restoring the Balance: Biological Control of Purple Loosestrife, 1996
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This 28-minute video is useful for natural resource management professionals, wetland managers, horticulturists, environmental educators, and others who want to conserve and enhance natural wetlands.

During the past decade, scientists have studied the complex relationships between Purple Loosestrife and specialized insects that attack this plant. Biological weed control reunites an invasive plant with natural enemies from its native range, providing a natural balance between the plant, the insects, and the wetland environment.

Interviews with wetland managers and research scientists:

- review the history of the invasion and spread of Purple Loosestrife
- define the concept of biological weed control
- describe management alternatives for Purple Loosestrife and reasons for examining biological control
- discuss the techniques for mass-rearing of biocontrol insects
- highlight the importance of restoring a more natural balance in plant communities of North American wetlands

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