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(*Linaria dalmatica* Mill.)

Dalmation toadflax is native to the Mediterranean region of Croatia and is in the same plant family as common garden snapdragons. The bright yellow flowers have swollen corolla tubes that flare into “lips” and a long spur. The plant is a deep-rooted perennial that spreads by seed and up to 10 feet per year underground. The leaves are waxy, blue-green, heart shaped and clasp a woody stem. The plant flowers from midsummer to early fall. Each flower produces a two-celled seed capsule which which contain dark brown to black very tiny seeds. Single plants may produce more than 500,000 seeds. Dalmation toadflax is often found in drier sites than yellow toadflax and grows more than 3 feet tall.

Dalmation toadflax is generally less aggressive than yellow toadflax and has been reported only as small patches in a few counties in western portions of North Dakota. The stem boring weevil *Mecinus janthiniformis* has controlled dalmatian much better than yellow toadflax.

