

Dalmatian Toadflax *Linaria dalmatica*(L,) Mil.

This pretty weed grows in disturbed areas -- roadsides, ditches, abandoned lots and fields, riparian areas, cropland, rangeland, gravel pits and cemeteries. It does well in areas with dry summers and well drained soils. Dalmatian toadflax and garden snapdragon are very similar. This photo shows the crowned nature of the leaves with a sharp apex. (Photo by the NM State Agricultural Extension Service)



The snapdragon-like irregular flowers with their long spurs protruding from the lower part of the petals show up very well in this photo. The orange throats of the flowers do not show up. (Photo by the NM State Agricultural Extension Service)

In this illustration you can see:

A. To the left is the lower stem and root, showing the crowded, pointed leaves that clasp the stem. To the right is the upper part of the stem showing the flowers.

B. The irregular flower, showing its upper and lower lips and spur. The upper lip is on the right top and the lower lip is in the far right middle. Note that both lips are divided into lobes. The spur is at the bottom.

C. The fertilized ovary after the petals have fallen. The stigma and style remain on top, and the five pointed sepals remain at the bottom.

D. The seeds.

(Drawing by the US Department of Agriculture)

