Cynanchum rossicum **System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Gentianales	Asclepiadaceae

Common name dog-strangling vine (English), European swallow-wort (English), pale swallow-wort (English)

Synonym *Vincetoxicum rossicum* , (Kleopov) Barbarich
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Similar species *Cynanchum louiseae*

Summary Cynanchum rossicum is a perennial vine native to Eastern Europe that has established invasive populations in Canada and the USA. Once established, dense monocultures of the plants displace native vegetation, alter habitats, and reduce biodiversity. In particular, C. rossicum threatens rare and vulnerable alvar ecosystems in the Lower Great Lakes Basin. The species also invades and negatively impacts Christmas tree farms, horticulture nurseries and orchards, and perennial agriculture such as no-till corn and soybean fields. Successful management of the species has proven difficult, as the use of chemical controls or mechanical removal methods must be repeated annually for several years. However, a potential biological control agent, Hypena opulenta, is currently being evaluated.



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