

Monkey Flower

Mimule à fleurs entrouvertes

*Mimulus ringens*



Monkey flower, native to New Brunswick, grows along our waterways and in damp depressions in fields. The flowers appear in July and bloom through to September. The name comes from the Latin diminutive of *mimus* meaning a mimic as they look like a monkey face. Hummingbirds and bees pollinate the flowers. Only a few species of the strongest bees (like bumblebees) can force their way into the flowers' closed throats. Research has shown that reproduction in monkey-flower is suppressed when there are plants of the invasive purple loosestrife nearby, because bumblebee pollinators of monkey-flower favor purple loosestrife.