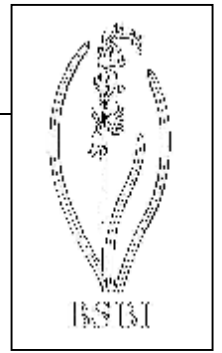


Plant Crib



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Five species (plus one hybrid) are likely to occur as aliens; they are much confused in both gardens and herbaria. Corolla colour is variable in several species and has caused errors. Where *D. ferox* and *D. stramonium* overlap in N. America, fertile hybrids are frequent, suggesting that subspecific rank might be a more appropriate status for this pair of species.

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| 1 Stems with dense, spreading, glandular hairs; peduncles strongly recurved in fruit | <i>D. innoxia</i> Mill. |
| 1 Stems without glandular hairs | 2 |
| 2 Stems canescent with short dense hairs | <i>D. wrightii</i> Regel |
| 2 Stems sparsely hairy to subglabrous | 3 |
| 3 Peduncle patent to recurving in fruit | <i>D. metel</i> L. |
| 3 Peduncle stiffly erect in fruit | 4 |
| 4 All spines on fruit \pm equal (or absent) | <i>D. stramonium</i> L. |
| 4 Uppermost four spines on fruit distinctly longest and stoutest | <i>D. ferox</i> L. |

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