**APOCYNACEAE**

*Apocynum androsaemifolium* L.

Spreading dogbane, flytrap dogbane

**FORM:** Deciduous, perennial, freely branching, rhizomatous forb, 20-50cm (8-20in) tall; milky sap throughout plant.

**LEAVES:** Opposite, simple, entire, spreading or drooping, ovate to oblong-lanceolate, 3-7cm (1-3in) long.

**FLOWERS:** Pink, bell-shaped, 5-7mm long in terminal and axillary cymes; June-Sept.

**FRUIT:** Long narrow follicles (1), 5-14cm (2-6in) long.

**SIMILAR SPECIES:** *Symphoricarpos albus*, p. 76.

**HABITAT:** On well-drained soils, usually hot, dry sites.

**NOTES:** It is considered a serious orchard weed. Apan’s pollen makes a sweet honey. The plant also has many medicinal uses, but is considered poisonous.