

## DISTRIBUTION AND NATURALIZATION OF *AMBROSIA TRIFIDA* (ASTERACEAE) ON THE EUROPEAN TERRITORY OF RUSSIA

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*Ambrosia trifida* L. (Asteraceae) is a North American annual plant listed as a quarantine species in Europe, including Russian Federation and the neighboring countries. The article discusses the results of 2017–2021 studies to identify the current distribution and naturalization of this species in the European part of Russia. The centers of mass naturalization of *A. trifida* in the European territory of Russia are the Trans-Volga region (Samara Region and the south of Tatarstan), Cis-Ural region (Orenburg Region, Bashkortostan), Pre-Volga region (west of Saratov Region), Khopyorsko-Buzulukskaya Plain (northwest of Volgograd Region), southwest of the Oka-Don flatlands and the Kalach Upland (center and east of Voronezh Region). Enclaves in the form of naturalized populations were detected in Bryansk and Vladimir Regions, as well as in the cities of Kazan and Ufa. *A. trifida* has not reached its ecological limits of distribution to the south, north, and west; therefore, the species can be expected to spread over a large part of the European part of Russia in the future.

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