

Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)

Description

A perennial, trailing or climbing weed that can reach 20-200 cm long, often forming carpets. Alternate leaves occur on petioles, and are triangular in outline. Leaves can occur either without hairs (glabrous) or can have hairs. The leaf bases are pointed and have lobes that point outward. Stems trail along the ground or climb onto crop plants, fences, etc. Stems may also be either with or without hairs. Flowers are white to pale pink in color approximately 2.5 cm tall. Flowers take on the shape of a funnel and also have bracts that are relatively small and separate from the flowers. Field bindweed flowers are short lived.

Key Identifiers

- ✓ Trailing or climbing vine with triangular leaves and lobes that point outward.
- ✓ Small bracts that are separate from the flowers

Location in Canada

In Canada Field Bindweed is found in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Resources

http://www.missouriplants.com/Whitealt/Convolvulus_arvensis_page.html

<http://linnet.geog.ubc.ca/Atlas/Atlas.aspx?sciname=Convolvulus%20arvensis>

Similar species

Morning glories (*Ipomoea spp*) Leaves are large, heart shaped and/or three lobed. Flower color varies depending on the species, from violet or blue to pink and red.

Hedge Bindweed (*Convolvulus sepium*) is similar in appearance, however the leaf bases of hedge bindweed are cut squarely (truncate) and also has large bracts beneath the flowers.

Wild Buckwheat (*Polygonum convolvulus*) has inward-pointing leaf bases and a papery sheath at the base of each petiole.

