



## Hairy Willow-herb

(*Epilobium hirsutum*)



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<b>General</b>	Family: Evening Primrose ( <i>Onagraceae</i> ) Semi-aquatic herbaceous perennial Introduced from Europe as an ornamental <b>Colorado List A - ERADICATION REQUIRED</b>
<b>Common names</b>	Great willowherb, Codlins and cream
<b>Habitat</b>	Perennial forb Colony forming Found in wetlands, drainages, and rights-of-way Was sold as an ornamental in the past Very invasive
<b>PLANT</b>	
<b>Vegetation</b>	Mature plants up to 6 feet tall Leaves opposite and lanced-shaped with toothed edges- 1/2 inches wide and up to 4 inches long Stem erect and branched with soft hairs
<b>Roots</b>	Fibrous roots, rhizomes, and stolons
<b>Flower</b>	Pink or purple with white center and notched petals June - August ½-1 inch wide
<b>Seed</b>	White silky tuft in long seedpod
<b>Seedling</b>	Plants re-sprout from roots in the spring
<b>Reproduction</b>	Seed, rhizomes and stolons

<b>CONTROL</b>			
<b>BIOLOGICAL</b>	None		
<b>CHEMICAL</b>	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Herbicide</i>	<i>Timing</i>
	Actively growing	Aminopyralid (Milestone) Imazapyr (Habitat, Arsenal) Glyphosate (Roundup, Rodeo, many others)	Late spring - Summer through frost
<b>CULTURAL</b>	Prevention		
<b>MECHANICAL</b>	<i>Stage</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Timing</i>
	<b>Burning</b>	N/A	
<b>Grazing</b>	N/A		
<b>Mowing</b>	Prior to flowering	May help prevent seed development	Spring

Use all chemicals according to the manufacturer's label. No specific recommendation or endorsement is made or implied by listing the above methods or products.

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