

## Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)



### Identification

Field bindweed is a perennial vine that can exceed 6' in length and form dense mats. Leaves have prominent veins, and are indented at the tip. Mature leaves are 1–2" long. It flowers July through August, producing tubular white to pink blossoms resembling morning glories. Seeds are produced in a small oval to round capsule. The root system is perennial. The initial taproot sends out lateral roots, which produce additional vertical roots. Buds along horizontal roots give rise to new plants.

### Control Methods

Complete and repeated pulling and digging are effective techniques for individual plant control. All roots, which can grow very deep and widely must be removed. Do not allow plants to flower or set seed. It may take a number of years of continual and repeated removal to eradicate established stands of bindweed.

### Additional Information/Resources

- UW Extension Fact Sheet Management of Invasive Plants in Wisconsin [A3924-19 Field Bind Weed](#)
- Dane County UW Extension Horticulture Hotline [608-224-3721](tel:608-224-3721) (M-F, 9 am-12 noon, April 15 – October 31) or [horticulture@countyofdane.com](mailto:horticulture@countyofdane.com)