



# SMALL BUGLOSS

**BOTANICAL NAME:** *Anchusa arvensis*

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?** Small bugloss is an annual, which reproduces by seed and may germinate in fall or spring. The plants grows 6 to 24 inches tall, has branching erect or sprawling stems. Larger plants may measure 3 feet in diameter. Both leaves and stems appear rough and wrinkled and are covered with bristly hairs that arise from warty bumps. Alternate, stiff wavy lance-shaped leaves grow 1 to 2 inches long, displaying wavy, entire or slightly toothed, margins. Leafy coiled flower stems bear the inconspicuous blue flowers.

**WHERE DOES IT LIKE TO GROW?** This native of Europe prefers roadsides, disturbed areas, pasture, and cultivated fields.

**WHEN DOES IT BLOOM?** Depending on establishment time and soil moisture these plants flower from May until hard frost.

**HOW DOES IT SPREAD?** This plant spreads by seed only. Each flower can produce four seeds (nutlets). One plant produces an average of 250 seeds.

**HOW CAN IT BE CONTROLLED?** Prevention is always the best control method. Learn to identify this plant and to control the infestation when you first notice it. You will have more success eliminating small infestations. Large infestations may require a variety of control methods and a number of years to control.



### NON-CHEMICAL CONTROL

- Beware of fill dirt, gravel, hay and seed from outside your area.
- Encourage desirable vegetation by the use of fertilizer and water.
- Tilling, digging and pulling can be effective.

### CHEMICAL CONTROL:

- Several herbicides are effective at or before bud stage and again in the fall on the rosette stage with a surfactant added to penetrate the hairs on the leaf. Check with the Noxious Weed Control Office for specific recommendations.

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