

Have you seen this invasive plant?

Hairy willow-herb is a wetland plant that grows 3-6 feet tall with pink-purple flowers and long, tapered leaves placed opposite on the stem.

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Opposite leaves lack stalks and clasp the stem, and the entire plant is covered with soft hairs.

Flowers bloom in early spring, are 1/2 inch across, and have four heart-shaped petals.



Seed pods are long and slender and tiny seeds have long, wispy hairs attached.



Why is hairy willow-herb (*Epilobium hirsutum*) a noxious weed?

- This non-native plant outcompetes wetland plants, reducing food sources and habitat for local wildlife.
- If hairy willow-herb is not controlled, it will continue to spread in wetlands of both eastern and western Washington.

Where do you find hairy willow-herb?

- Hairy willow-herb thrives in wetlands and along roadsides, in ditches, and in gardens.

What can you do?

- Learn to identify this Class B noxious weed. At first glance it may look similar to our native fireweed, but it's easy to learn how to tell them apart.
- Do not buy or plant hairy willow-herb in your garden. Ask your nursery for non-invasive ornamental plants for your garden or landscaping.
- Remove individual plants, including rhizomes when possible. For larger sites, develop a management plan that combines several control methods.
- Please report any sightings to your county noxious weed control board or to noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov.