

FIELD BINDWEED

Convolvulus arvensis



Illinois Wildflowers

Mature Height	2 to 4 inches	Soil Type	Most Indiana soils
Mature Spread	3 to 4 feet long vines	Flower Color	White, some pink
Mature Form	Vines on ground and vegetation	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Green into late fall
Sun Exposure	Prefers full sun		
Soil Moisture	Moist to fairly dry		

Field bindweed is a perennial that reproduces by seed and rootstocks. Seed may stay viable in the soil for several years. The root system is extensive, extending to a depth of 20 to 30 feet. The smooth, slender stems twine or spread over the soil and on vegetation. The blooming period can occur from late spring to early fall, and can span several months, even though individual flowers persist for only a single day, usually opening during the morning and closing by late afternoon. Leaves are arrowhead shaped. A hairless and well-rounded seed capsule about ¼" long replaces each flower; each 2-celled capsule contains 4 seeds. Successful control requires commitment because of the long term viability of seeds in the soil and the food stocks stored in the plant roots. Control is by cultivation or use of many herbicides labeled for use on field bindweed.



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