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## Field bindweed

*Convolvulus arvensis* L.

**Life cycle:** Twining, creeping perennial vine.

**Leaves:** Cotyledons are square to kidney-shaped. Leaves are alternate, arrowhead- to spade-shaped with nearly parallel leaf margins and generally rounded tips. Leaf bases are pointed or rounded.

**Stems:** Climbing, trailing, herbaceous vines up to 6 feet or more in length.

**Flowers and fruit:** White to pink petals fused into a funnel shape with two leafy, small bracts approximately 1 inch below the flower base. Fruit are egg-shaped capsules containing dull gray, brown or black seeds with one round and two flattened surfaces.

**Reproduction:** Seeds, creeping roots and rhizomes.



*Field bindweed seedling.*

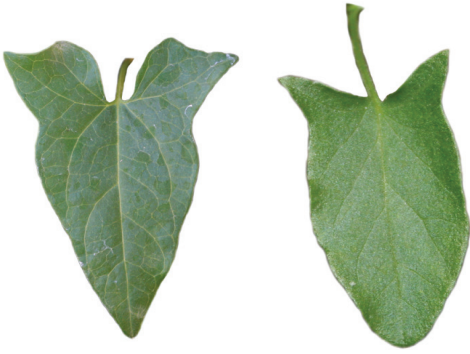


*Field bindweed flower.*

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### Similar weeds

**Hedge bindweed** [*Calystegia sepium* (L.) R. Br.]. Differs by having larger, triangle-shaped leaves with square lobes extending behind and perpendicular to the petiole. Leaf is squarely notched at the petiole. Flower base has two large bracts.



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Leaves of hedge bindweed (left) and field bindweed (right).



Hedge bindweed flower base with two large bracts.