

# BABY'S BREATH

## Tier 2

### **Overview**

A member of the Pink (Caryophyllaceae) family, baby's breath is a multi-branched, perennial forb that can grow up to 3' tall; often the plant appears globe-like in shape due to its branching nature. The first recorded introduction of this species was in the Canadian province of Manitoba in 1887, and in 1953 its weedy attributes were noted in Saskatchewan. It is now widespread across Canada and the northern U.S.



### **Habitat**

Although it can persist in many types of habitats, large populations most often occur in coarse-textured soils in pastures and hayfields, lightly to heavily grazed rangelands, roadsides, and other disturbed habitats. It is often found in high densities along fence lines or in ravines due to its tumbling habit.

### **Identification**

**Stem:** Erect (sprawling) and many branched near the crown.

**Leaves:** Opposite, lance-shaped and arise at swollen nodes.

**Flowers:** Small, white or rarely light purplish pink, with 5 sepals and 5 petals.

