

RED BARTSIA

Tier 1

Overview



Plants produce 1,400 seeds a year, which are equipped with coarse hairs that stick to clothing, fur, and vehicles enabling them to travel long distances.

Red Bartsia outcompetes native vegetation. Poses a serious economic concern for pastures and hayland.

Habitat

It is a weed found primarily in pastures, hayfields, and roadsides. Until recently the main region of infestation included areas around Gimli, Meleb, and Fraserwood. New areas that have been infested are Souris, Carman, and parts of Stonewall, Winnipeg, and Selkirk.

Identification

Stems: Erect and branching to reach heights of 15-30 cm.

Leaves: Narrow bear clasping leaves, in pairs, about 3 cm in length. Stem and leaves are hairy.

Flowers: Reddish purple in color develop in spike-like clusters on the top half of the stem. Red Bartsia flowers in late spring.

