

FIELD BINDWEED

IS THIS PERENNIAL A PROBLEM?

- **YES** – It aggressively chokes out other plants!
- It can pull down branches of small trees, smother shrubs, twine around perennials/vegetables and take over lawns.

HOW DOES IT GROW?

- Spreads by roots (5+ metres long) and seeds.
- Likes **FULL SUN** and **POOR SOIL**.
- Can survive **DROUGHT** and **FIRE**.



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Stems are slender vines that grow along the ground until they find something to climb.
- Leaves are shaped like arrowheads.
- Flowers look like morning glory flowers.

HOW TO DEAL WITH IT?

- WEED, WEED, WEED!
- Repeatedly remove vines below the root crown to eventually wear out the roots.
- PREVENT the plants from FLOWERING and GOING TO SEED.
- Improve soil with organic matter.
- Mulch and/or plant aggressive groundcover plants.
- Plant large shade trees.

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