

Creeping bellflower

Campanula rapunculoides

SOMEWHAT INVASIVE – established in the region

Invasive habitat: grows in full shade to full sunlight, usually in disturbed areas; can be found in forests, fields, and roadsides.

Native range: Europe and Asia



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IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: herbaceous perennial that grows to be 1 to 3' tall and has been introduced as a garden plant. Roots develop tubers.



Flowers: bell-shaped, nodding, purple flowers are 1" across and grow in racemes. Blooms June-October.



Leaves: heart-shaped leaves grow up to 4" long by 2" wide at the base and are smaller higher along the stem. Surfaces are rough in texture.



Seeds: plants reproduce by seeds and roots. One plant can produce up to 15,000 seeds.

CONTROL



Manual: digging or hand pulling is difficult but will control small populations if roots are all removed.



Chemical: glyphosate offers some control, but may not completely kill.



Mechanical: mowing will weaken but not kill the plant.



Cultural: do not plant ornamentally, and manage populations while they are still low in number.