

Rabbitfoot clover

Trifolium arvense

Description

It is capable of nitrogen fixation, which makes it highly valued on low fertile soil in agriculture. Used as fodder for sheep and goats.

Habit

Erect; annual; 4-16 in tall forb with many branches.

Leaves

3-parted with narrowly-oblong leaflets, stalks 1/3 in long.

Stems

Softly hairy becoming smooth with age; 4-16 in in height.

Flowers

Whitish to pink in color, 5-parted, 1/4 in long, stalkless, calyx is 2-lipped, inflorescence a 1 in dense, fuzzy, oval to cylindrical, stalked head.

Fruits and Seeds

Tiny brown seed with barbed spines.





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Habitat

Native to Europe. Found in fields, wastelands, roadsides, sand dunes, and opportunistically in vineyards and orchards when they are not irrigated.

Reproduction

By seed.

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Monitoring and Rapid Response

Effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides.

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