

Smallflower hairy willowherb

Epilobium parviflorum

Description

Known as a medicinal herb.

Habit

Small, growing up to 0.6 m in height, erect perennial.

Leaves

Lower in small rosette; leaves opposite, oblong, lanceolate, slightly toothed, sessile and longer than broad. Can grow 3-7 cm. in length.

Stems

Erect or ascending, mostly simple, terete, stiffly hairy.

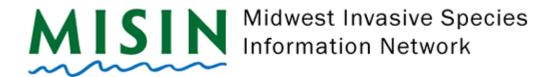
Flowers

Light purple in color, isolated in the axil of smaller upper leaves, 6-9 mm. in diameter, petal 2-9 mm long, sepals equalling 2/3 of the length of the petals. Stigmas with 4 crossed lobes.

Fruits and Seeds

Capsule 3.5-8 cm long, with small and jointed





hairs.

Habitat

Native to Eurasia. Typically found in a variety of well-drained soils. Requires moist or wet soil and cannot grow in the shade.

Reproduction

Seeds spread by waterfowl or by wind dispersal.

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