

## Apple of Peru

### *Nicandra physalodes*

#### Description

Introduced as an ornamental and is also known to have medicinal and insecticidal properties.

#### Habit

Large, annual herb.

#### Leaves

Alternate, simple and irregularly toothed on the margin.

#### Stems

#### Flowers

Axillary, nodding, short bell-shaped, pale blue in color.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Dry berry enclosed by an enlarged, papery calyx.

#### Habitat

Native to western South America. Can be found in disturbed sites, waste areas, roadsides, gardens, stream/river banks, and forest margins.

#### Reproduction





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By seed.

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## **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Tilling, hoeing or handpulling small infestations is effective. Usually the use of herbicides is not necessary.

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