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# Asiatic dayflower

Commelina communis

#### Description

Plant gets it name from its' flowers only bloom for one day.

#### Habit

Erect to spreading summer annual.

#### Leaves

Alternate, oblong to lance-shaped, 2-4 in. long, gradually tapering to a point, parallel veins, smooth margins. Clasp the stem and forming conspicuous basal sheaths.

#### Stems

Erect to prostrate, spreading, numerously branched, rooting at the nodes; thick, fleshy and swollen at nodes.

#### Flowers

Attractive, each flower consists of two large, bright blue petals at the top and a single, small, white petal below. Green. leaflike bract. Occurring at the ends of long flower stalks. Open





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## **Fruits and Seeds**

Two-celled capsules containing brown to

reddishing, wrinkled seeds.

## Habitat

Native to Asia. Can be found growing in moist, shady forest edges, wet crop fields, orchards, ditches and roadsides.

## Reproduction

Primarily by seed but can reproduce vegetatively during the summer months.

## Similar

Native slender dayflower (Commelina erecta).

# Monitoring and Rapid Response

Poorly controlled by glyphosate. Many commonly used herbicdes did not show much success with controlling this species.

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