

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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