

*Anchusa arvensis*  
**Small Bugloss**

Boraginaceae, the borage family  
Category: CONTROL



**Diagnostic Characteristics**

- Annual; grows 6-10 inches tall
- Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped and wavy with bristly hairs that arise from warty bumps
- Stems are also covered with bristly hairs
- Flowers are blue, funnel shaped, and borne in clusters at the tip of the plant
- The floral tube (when removed) has a distinct elbow curve at mid-length
- Fruits are nutlets, 4 per flower

**Background**

- Native to Europe
- Inhabits disturbed areas, some cultivated fields, rights-of-way, and pastures
- Reproduces by seed

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