

Purple Filare

Scientific name: *Erodium cicutarium*

Common names: Storkbill, alfileria, red-stemmed filaree

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Annual

Flowers small, purple

Leaves hairy, dark green

Seed-pod resembles stork's bill

Stems prostrate, fleshy

Stems radiate from crown

Purple filare is an annual or biennial, found along roadsides, in pastures, yards, and gardens, and often in grain fields.

Control: Filare is difficult to control unless treated as early as possible. Apply $3/4$ pound 2,4-D ester per acre when grain has 3 to 5 leaves. After that 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of ester may be necessary.

For nonselective control $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 pounds of 2,4-D ester will give good control.



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