

Knotweed

Scientific name: *Polygonum aviculare*
Common name: Common knotweed

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Annual



Leaves dull,
bluish in color,
turn reddish brown
when mature

Flower buds
enclosed in leaf
sheath

Plant can take
much abuse; is
tough and drouth
resistant

Low prostrate
growth

Knotweed is often found in grain fields and along hard-packed paths, roadsides, and farmyards. It turns to reddish color when mature. It is an annual with wiry stems, much-branched, and usually prostrate. Leaf blades are 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches long, narrow, and short-stalked. Each leaf is accompanied by a torn, silvery sheath at its base.

Control: This weed is difficult to kill selectively in grain if allowed to get past the 2-leaf stage. Early spraying with 1 pound of 2,4-D ester per acre in grain will give best results. Apply 1 1/2 pounds 2,4-D ester for nonselective treatment.

Banvel D is effective for nonselective spraying at 1/4 pound per acre.



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