

*Crupina vulgaris*

# Common Crupina

Other common names:  
bearded creeper

Asteraceae, the sunflower family  
Category: CONTROL



## Diagnostic Characteristics

- Erect winter annual; varies from 1-3 feet tall
- Plants exist as basal rosettes until flower stems develop in spring
- Stem leaves have a coarse-rough texture, are alternate, and finely dissected
- Flower heads are slender and urn-shaped; are pink to purple and consist of only disk flowers
- Seeds are black-brown with a ring of dark bristly hairs at the point of attachment, giving it the appearance of a fishing dry fly; similar in size to a wheat seed

## Background

- Native to the Mediterranean region
- Inhabits rangelands, forests, rights-of-way, dry south facing slopes, and pastures
- Reproduces by seed

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