

Burdock, great — *Arctium lappa*
Burdock, lesser — *Arctium minus*
Burdock, woolly — *Arctium tomentosum*
Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Category:

Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from Europe, can be found in disturbed areas.
- **Life Cycle:** Biennial; basal leaves in the first year of growth, flowers in the second.
- **Root:** Taproot.
- **Leaves:** Large leaves, heart shaped, woolly underneath, larger leaves are closer to the ground, alternately arranged on the stem.
- **Stems:** Plant can be as large as 3m tall, stems are thick and hollow.
- **Flower:** Clusters of purple-pink flowers, flowers have hooked bracts.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Large seed pods with hooks attach themselves to clothing and fur, a mature plant can produce from 6,000 to 16,000 seeds.
- **Control:** Control in the rosette stage (first years growth).

<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/Downloads/FS-CommonBurdock.pdf>