

Evaluated but not
listed

impact risk level

Marrubium vulgare
Lamiaceae
Horehound



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KEY CHARACTERISTICS

growth

Perennials, somewhat aromatic,
from underground rootstocks.

flower

Flowers bilateral, corolla bilabiate (2
lipped), 4-6 mm long, white; calyx
tube 4-5 mm long, with star-shaped
hairs, the 10 teeth slender, spreading
to somewhat recurved at maturity;
stamens 4, in two pairs, included
(not sticking out), ovary superior,
4-lobed, the style short, 2-lobed.

Inflores-
cence

Inflorescence spikelike, in axillary
clusters subtended by leaves.

stems

30-120 cm tall, simple to branched,
erect to ascending or prostrate,
white-woolly, some of the hairs stel-
late.

leaves

Appear wrinkled & wavy. Opposite,
sessile to short-petiolate, blades

fruit

2-5.5 cm long, 1-4 cm wide, oval to
almost round, green, gray-green and
sparsely appressed (often stellate)
pubescent above, woolly below.

Margins scalloped to toothed, apices
obtuse, the bases tapering to a point,
somewhat heart shaped.

Fruit breaking into 4 dark brown
nutlets, nutlets ca. 2 mm long.



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Hairy stems & leaves

flower color

Elevation:
Unknown

Ecotypes Invaded:
Unknown

ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

Occurs on open, disturbed sites, along roadsides, and in pastures.

Forms dense, monoculture stands over large areas in arid grasslands that alter community structure. Reduces the establishment and growth of native species in invaded areas.

In cold temperate climates, it germinates in the early spring, depending on suitable moisture and soil temperatures exceeding 20° C.

Seeds may remain viable for up to five years.

