

Weed Alert!

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(*Centranthus ruber*)

Mature Size Knee



Description

- 1-3 ft. perennial herb with fragrant small white, rose-pink, or crimson flowers
- Individual flowers are tiny, but dome-shaped clusters are large and showy
- Tubular flowers have 5 fused petals and tiny spur
- Fleshy, opposite blue-green leaves clasp smooth stems, are oval or sword-shaped, and 2-4 in. long
- Seeds have fine, feathery hairs at ends
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by wind and horticulture
- Native to southern Europe and the Mediterranean region



Bloom Period Apr - Aug

Habitat Disturbed and rocky sites, woodland, coastal regions

2-Minute Removal Dig



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