

## **Common Bugloss (*Anchusa officinalis*)**



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To report Common Bugloss on your own property or on District property, and learn more information about your treatment options, please contact Dave Charbula, Environmental and Engineering Technologist at [dcharbula@kentbc.ca](mailto:dcharbula@kentbc.ca) or 604-796-2235.

For more information, see the following links:

<https://bcinvasives.ca/invasive-species/identify/invasive-plants/common-bugloss>

<https://www.boundaryinvasives.com/common-bugloss-1>

Common Bugloss is rare in the District of Kent, but isolated plants have been recently reported. These plants have a distinctive coiled seed head, which unfurls with blue flowers as the growing season progresses. It is most common in the southern interior of BC, where it invades disturbed sites and pastures, outcompeting native plants and forming monocultures. It can have significant effects on crop yield if left unchecked.

If the infestation is only a few plants, Common Bugloss can be hand-dug and removed. Cutting the seed heads before they reproduce can also help reduce their spread. Large infestations will require herbicide treatments.



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