

Cockle, White
Silene latifolia Poiret ssp.
Caryophyllaceae (Pink Family)

Category:

Noxious



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- . **Information:** Introduced from Europe, other names include White Champion, Champion.
- . **Life Cycle:** Annual, biennial, short lived perennial.
- . **Root:** Deep tap root.
- . **Leaves:** Leaves are opposite, covered with slightly sticky hairs, prominent centre line.
- . **Stems:** Hairy, slightly sticky, 20-80cm tall.
- . **Flower:** White petaled flowers, male flowers have a 5 veined calyx, female flowers have 20 veins, hairy and slightly sticky.
- . **Seed/Fruits:** Aggressive seed producer, seeds are kidney shaped, grey and bumpy.
- . **Toxicity:**
- . **Control:** hand pick, bale hay before seed set.

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