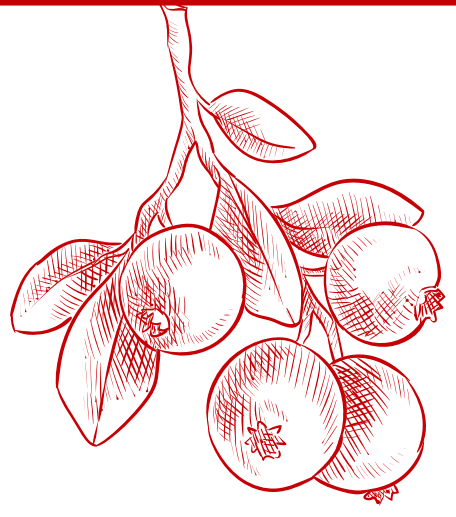


# WEED OF THE WEEK

*POLYGONUM AMPHIBIUM*

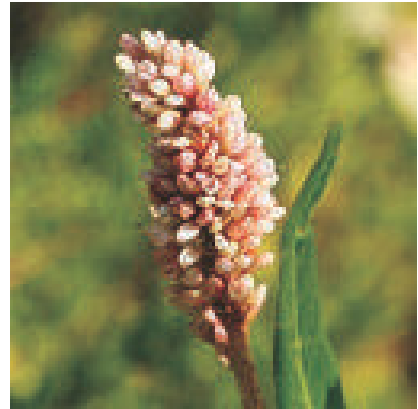


## Smartweed: Water Smartweed

*Photos from Weeds of the Cranberry Marsh.*

### life cycle / growth habit:

*perennial aquatic or  
terrestrial to 2 ft. tall*



flower cluster

### root:

*creeping, shallow*



flowering plants

### stem:

*floating or sprawling to  
erect on land*

### leaf:

*alternate, untoothed, several inches  
long; narrow, and tapered to a  
pointed tip, forms a collar bristly or  
flared out where the leaf base  
wraps around the stem*

### flower:

*dense, showy clusters of  
1/8 in. pink-white flowers,  
cluster is narrow and 1–3  
in. long; blooms June–  
September*



young plant

### fruit/seed:

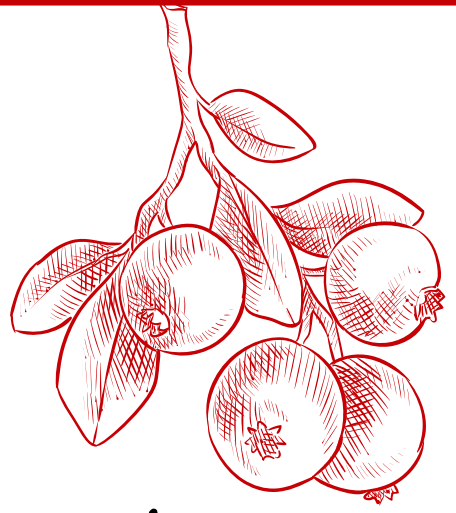
*black, shiny, 3-sided seed*

### habitat:

*shallow water or exposed mud, moist soils*

# WEED OF THE WEEK

*POLYGONUM PENNSYLVANICUM*



## Smartweed:

## Pennsylvania Smartweed

*Photos from Weeds of the Cranberry Marsh.*

**life cycle / growth habit:**  
*annual herb to 5 ft. tall*



flower cluster

**root:**  
*N/A*



flowering plants

**stem:**  
*erect and branched,  
smooth*

**leaf:**  
*narrow and tapered to a  
point, forms a tight,  
membranous collar without  
bristles around the stem*

**flower:**  
*clusters of 1/8 in. white to  
pink flowers; blooms July–  
September*



flowering plants  
in cranberry  
bed

**fruit/seed:**  
*dark, 3-sided seed*

**habitat:**  
*common weed of wet ground*

# WEED OF THE WEEK

*POLYGONUM PERSICARIA*



## Smartweed: Ladysthumb Smartweed

*Photos from Weeds of the Cranberry Marsh.*

**life cycle / growth habit:**  
*annual herb to 5 ft. tall*



flower cluster

**root:**  
*N/A*



plants prior to  
following

**stem:**  
*stem erect, branched*

**leaf:**  
*alternate, untoothed, narrow,  
with dark blotch in middle*

**flower:**  
*narrow clusters of 1/8 in.  
white to pink flowers;  
blooms July– September*



leaf detail

**fruit/seed:**  
*dark, 3-sided seed*

**habitat:**  
*common weed of wet, disturbed soil*



# WEED OF THE WEEK

POLYGONUM SAGITTATUM



## Smartweed: Arrowleaf Tearthumb

Photos from Weeds of the Cranberry Marsh.

**life cycle / growth habit:**  
*annual herb to 3 ft. tall  
(occasionally 6 ft.)*



flower cluster

**root:**  
*N/A*



flowering plants

**stem:**  
*slender and weak, often laying  
on other vegetation, scratchy,  
with sharp, downward-pointing  
teeth*

**leaf:**  
*alternate, arrow-shaped with  
2 lobes clasping the stem*

**flower:**  
*small, round clusters of a  
few 1/8 in. pink to white  
flowers; blooms August–  
October*



flowering plants  
in cranberry  
bed

**fruit/seed:**  
*dark, 3-sided seed*

**habitat:**  
*common weed of moist ditches, wet roadsides*