

PINKWEED

Polygonum pensylvanicum

Located in wet soils and high marsh throughout the Division. Also known as Pennsylvania smartweed.

An annual plant, growing to 1.2 m high; branched or unbranched; with glandular stems and flower stalks. The leaves are lance-shaped or oval. The flower spike is densely crowded with pink to purplish flowers; blooming in late May through October.

This species is highly variable with at least six recognized varieties. These varieties bloom at different periods during the flowering season.

See the general description on p. 18.00 for wildlife value.

