BINDWEED

with Roundup ProBio

BACKGROUND

SPECIES: HEDGE BINDWEED (Bellbine), Calystegia sepium, C.silvatica or C.pulchra; FIELD BINDWEED, Convolvulus arvense

These species are all climbing/trailing/scrambling herbaceous perennials with bell-shaped white or pink flowers and triangular leaves. They are all troublesome garden weeds, spreading over railways, waste ground and in hedgerows and fields. The species are widespread with Bellbine preferring damp areas like marshes and river banks and Field Bindweed occurring most widely on calcareous or neutral soils in the south of Great Britain.

Propagation

Bindweed spreads mainly by swollen underground roots or rhizomes. Fragments of broken rhizomes root readily and can spread when soil is moved. Spread by seed is only important with Field Bindweed, which is self pollinating. The Calystegia species are self infertile and rely on long-tongued insects for any cross-pollination.

CONTROL WITH ROUNDUP PROBIO

Established shoots - Treat at maximum growth, around flowering in July - August before die-back; New growth among garden plants, in borders, treat when 10-20 cm growth (before it climbs plants) need to treat regularly as shoots appear, from late April - Sept.

OR

Grow up canes which can be pulled away from shrubs etc so that the spray is safely directed onto the weed.

CAUTION - First treatment may cause even more shoots to appear, since it breaks the dormancy of underground buds. Spray any re-growth @4l/ha before the end of October.

Remember always to take a planned and programmed approach to weed control in such areas – one well timed application may kill off all those weeds present but if no follow-up activity is carried out weeds will simply re-infest the area and within a few years it will have reverted to its original state.
RATES AND WATER VOLUMES

Dose Rates and Application Tips

Foliar Spray

5 l/ha, or in waste ground & amenity situations in 200 L of water per hectare. Spray as weed is flowering, but before die-back. Typically June/July, depending on species. Spray any re-growth at 5 l/ha before end October.

Weed-Wiping

Hand held weed-wiper* or paintbrush, 1 part Roundup ProBio to 1 parts water.

*The Microwipe, hand held weed-wiper is available from Billericay Farm Services, Telephone (01268) 710237

Most knapsack sprayers are supplied with a set of 4 deflector nozzles giving different swath widths but all delivering 200 l/ha of water at 1 bar pressure and a walking speed of 1 metre per second.

Spot treatment in knapsack

Standard 200 l/ha nozzles

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