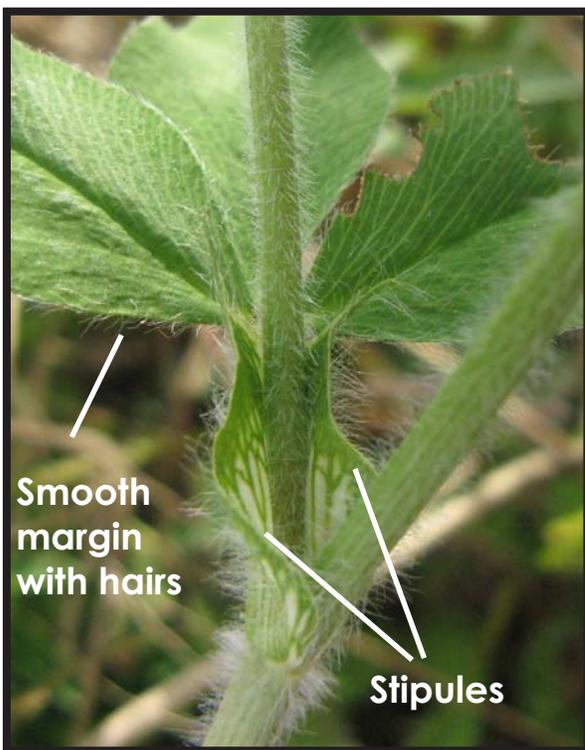
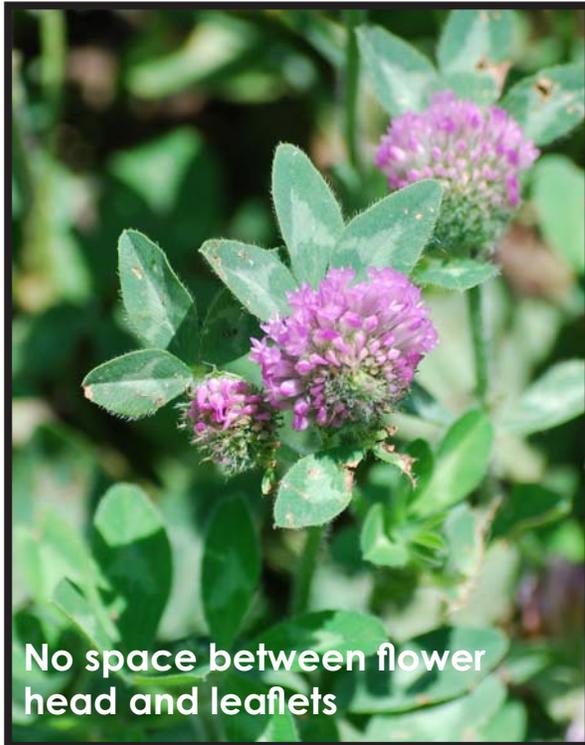


# Red clover

*Trifolium pratense*

Minnesota C-Value: 0  
Wetland Indicator Status: FACU+  
**Non-native**



**Leaves:** Divided into three blunt, oval leaflets usually with a blotched white V pattern. Each leaflet is 1-5 cm long. Large green and white stipule at the leaf base. Alternate branching. Lower leaves on long hairy stalks. Upper leaves short-stalked to stalkless.

**Stems:** Erect, sometimes sprawling, typically hairy stem 6-24 in. tall.

**Flowers and fruit:** Magenta or purple flowers in stalkless rounded heads 1 inch in diameter. Sessile leaflets typically directly below the flower head.

**Plant communities:** Fields, meadows, lawns, roadsides, disturbed prairies.

**Comments:** Non-native perennial legume introduced from Europe as a hay and pasture crop. Can be ecologically invasive. Known for variability in hairiness of foliage and of flower color.