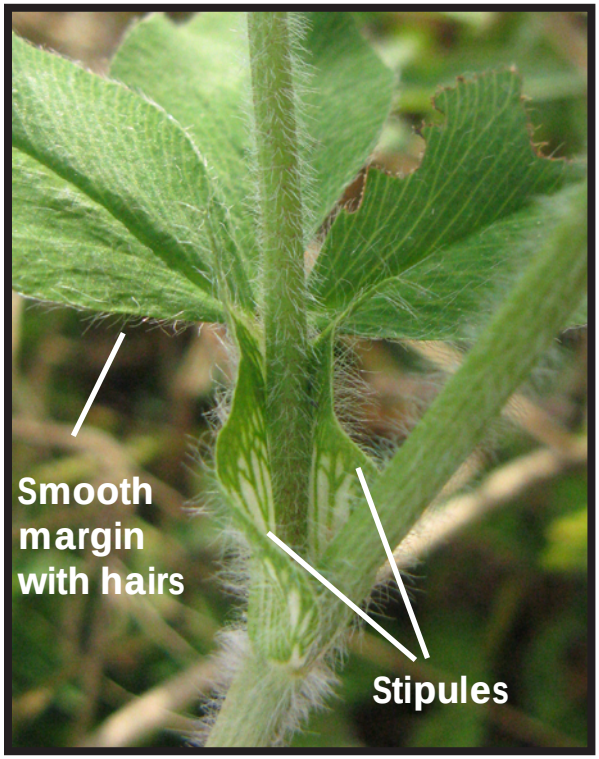
Red clover

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.