

CHICORY

(*Cichorium intybus* L.)

GROWTH HABIT: A slender perennial, easily established from seed, producing a deep taproot. The plant contains a white, milky sap that appears if the stem is broken.

LEAVES: Unlobed and pointed.

STEMS: 1 to 6 feet tall with spreading branches.

FLOWER: Flowers are blue, sometimes purple or occasionally white, remaining on the plant for only a single day; prefers full sun in well-drained soils.

ROOTS: Deep taproot.

SEEDS: Average seeds per pound: 426,000.

OTHER: A native of Europe, escaped from cultivation and naturalized throughout North America.

