

# COMMON BURDOCK

*(Arctium minus)*

**GROWTH HABIT:** Biennial, reproducing by seed only. Rosette formed first year, flowering stalk elongates second year.

**LEAVES:** Hairy, alternate; basal leaves large, heart-shaped, rhubarb like; upper leaves more oval shaped, dull green above, grayish underneath.

**STEMS:** Rough, hairy, somewhat grooved, often grow over 5 feet tall.

**FLOWERS:** Numerous, broad, clustered, purple, seed heads covered with hooked spines, forming a bur at maturity.

**ROOTS:** Large fleshy taproot.

**SEEDS:** Rough, mottled brown, somewhat flattened, slightly ridged.

**OTHER:** Thrives in shade and most fertile soils.

