

Hairy willow herb look alike

Hairy willow herb (*Epilobium hirsutum*) is most likely to be confused with fireweed (*Chamaenerion angustifolium*).



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Hairy willow herb has pink to dark purple flowers with **4 notched petals**. Flowers in **clusters at leaf axils**.

Leaves are **opposite, sharply toothed, and clasp the stem**.



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Fireweed has pink to purplish 4-petaled flowers in a **terminal cluster at the top of the plant stalk**. Leaves are **alternate, mostly toothless**, somewhat wavy along the edges, with a **creamy white midrib**.