

## Weeds of Sweetwater Creek – Recognition and Management

**Vetch** (*Vicia sativa*) origin Southern Europe

**Description:** Downy annual herb, often twining or climbing and forming a tangled mass, to 80cm high. Finely fringed leaves and purple flowers, similar to native pea flowers or *Glycine* but smaller. Spring flowering.



**Habit:** Vetch scrambles over other plants, forming a difficult to extricate mass. The seeds are dispersed from pods which mature over summer.

**Treatment:** Gently tease out from plants beneath, dig out roots and bag all.