White Campion (silene latifolia subsp. alba)

NATIVE TO: Europe.
CURRENT DISTRIBUTION IN ILLINOIS: Fairly common throughout the state.
IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS: Herbaceous annual or biennial up to 4 ft tall. Oppositely arranged leaves, oval or lance-shaped, 1 to 4½ in long. Upper leaves attached to stem without a petiole lower leaves have a long petiole. Mostly white flowers born from May to October.
IMPORTANCE:
HABITAT: Agricultural areas, ditches, forest edges, and disturbed areas.
MANAGEMENT: Large seed production can make this plant difficult to control. Cultivation works quite well. Herbicide treatments of 2, 4-D amine are effective.