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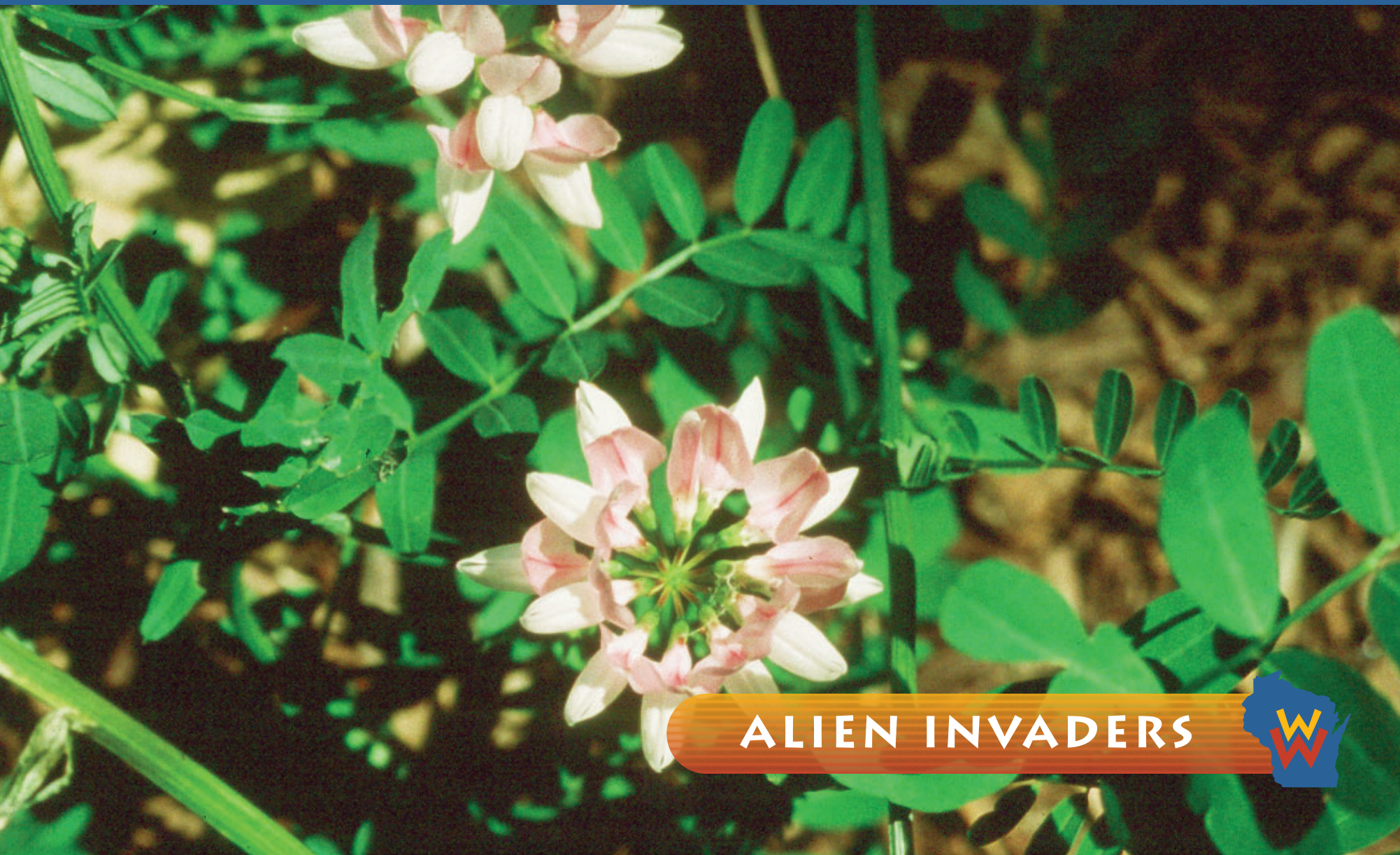

ALIEN INVADERS

CROWN VETCH

Coronilla varia

BASIC ID

This perennial legume has 2'-6' long stems with light pinkish-purple to white flowers. It blooms in summer, and produces long, narrow seedpods.

IMPACTS

Native to Eurasia and Northern Africa, it has been planted along road and waterways as a bank stabilizer. It spreads rapidly via creeping stems and seeds to adjacent grasslands, and grows in dense patches, reducing native species.

MANAGEMENT

- Burn in late spring and then pull, spray, or mow
- Mow in late spring and early fall for several years consecutively
- Apply herbicide specific to legumes or broad-leaf plants

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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