

Fireweed

Chamerion angustifolium ~ Evening Primrose Family

Nooksack: xách'it

Ethnobotany

- Seed fluff used in weaving; young, sweet shoots eaten

Habitat Value

- Flowers attract butterflies & other flying insects
- Foliage eaten by several butterfly larvae
- Beavers use stems for dam construction

Characteristics

- Grows on disturbed sites
- Tall deciduous perennial with pink-purple flower spikes producing hundreds of white, fluffy seeds



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