Fireweed

*Chamerion angustifolium* ~ Evening Primrose Family

**Nooksack:** xách’ít

**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

**Sponsors**
- City of Bellingham
- Washington State Department of Ecology

**Artist**
- Israel Hernandez
- Whatcom Middle School