



Garlic Mustard *Alliaria petiolata*

Why should I get to know this weed?

Garlic mustard is a rapidly spreading invasive weed that is found in all but the southernmost states. Its rapid growth in the spring prevents native plants from getting the light, moisture, and nutrients they need, ultimately crowding them out completely.

How can I identify it?

Garlic mustard is a biennial plant that grows up to 4 feet tall, and its leaves give off a garlic odor when crushed. It is typically found in moist, shaded areas, on floodplains, and along trails.



— small, white, 4-petalled flowers form at the terminal of a single stalk



— rosettes have kidney-shaped leaves whereas the mature leaves are triangular and sharply toothed

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A weed you should get to know.

Where should I report my sightings?

- County offices
- Conservation organizations
- State Depts of Agriculture or Natural Resources
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service

When weeds are detected early, they can be more easily removed or contained. Preventing weeds from spreading into new areas is beneficial to all of us!



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