

WEED WATCH

It's Back!

Garlic Mustard *Alliaria petiolata*



A biennial herb in the mustard family (Brassicaceae)

First year plants are low rosettes of kidney-shaped leaves with jagged edges; second year plants produce single or multiple flowering stalks 1–4 ft. high, then die back by late spring. Crushed leaves & stems smell like GARLIC!

Flowers: white with four petals in the shape of a cross. Dried fruiting stalks may persist for months.

Spreads: a single plant can produce hundreds of seeds, most fall nearby but may be carried further by wind, water, wildlife and people. Flowers can still produce seeds even after plants are uprooted, so pulled plants should be put in trash bags

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