

Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata



General Description:

- Biennial:
 - 1st year: **rosette/kidney shape**;
 - 2nd year: 12-36" tall
- Leaves: Heart-shaped, toothed/scalloped margins
- Seed: Shiny black seeds when mature, in slender pods

Prominent Features:

- Flowers: Button-like **clusters of small white flowers**, each with four petals in the shape of a cross
- Scent: Crushed leaves give off a **garlic-y smell!**

How to Remove:

- Hand-pull the **entire** root system before seeds set
- Cut to ground level to prevent seed production; if done too early additional cuts may be needed

Look Alikes: Several

- Violets: Do not smell like garlic
- Sweet Cicely: Fern-like leaves and five petals
- Early Saxifrage: Clusters of 5-petalled white flowers



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Basal Rosette

