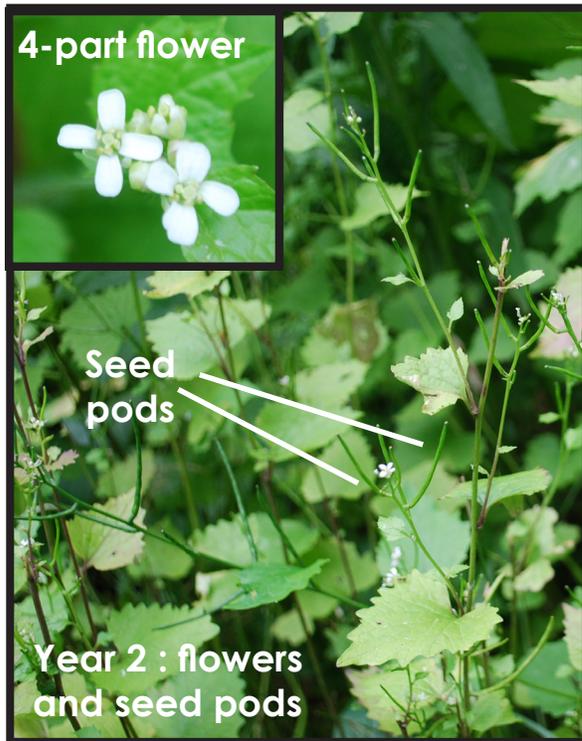


Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata

Minnesota C-Value: 0
Wetland Indicator Status: FAC
Non-Native, Invasive



Leaves: Round to triangular, scalloped-edged, dark green. First year leaves are in rosettes of 3-several leaves. Second year plants have alternate leaves.

Stems: Single stem, 30 cm - 1 m tall in its second year.

Flowers and fruit: Numerous small white flowers with four separate petals. Seeds are in slender capsules, 2 - 5 cm long. Only plant of this height blooming white in wooded environments in May.

Plant communities: Garlic mustard colonizes all woodlands types, upland and wetlands.

Comments: Biennial. Highly invasive, producing allelopathic compounds that inhibit seed germination of other species. Leaves and stems smell like onion or garlic when crushed.

