

NOT WANTED!

Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolate

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!

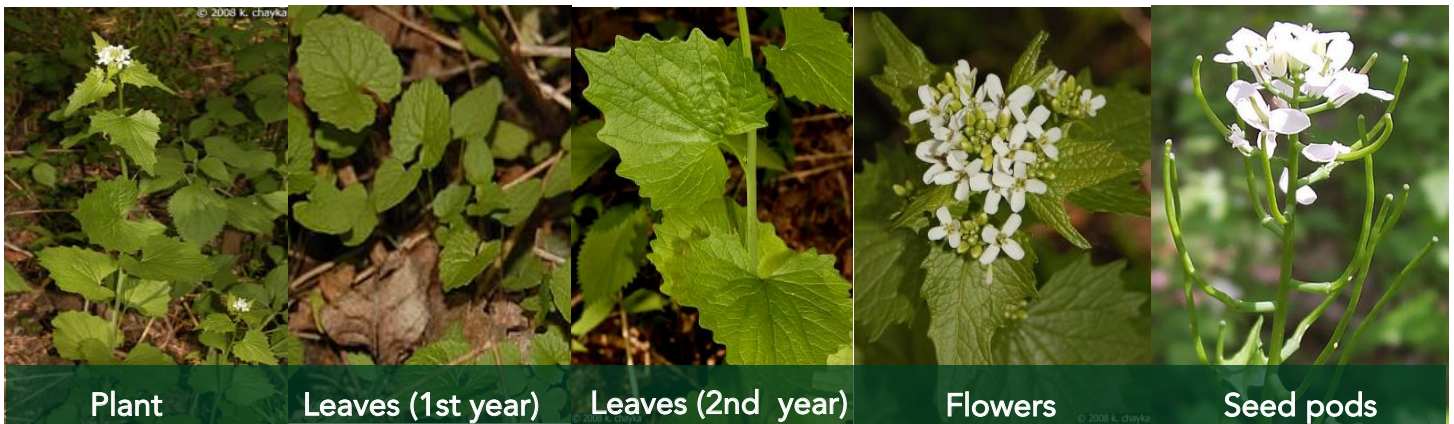


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Garlic mustard (biennial) grows in shady areas and forms dense stands. It spreads by seed from its long thin pods and produces chemicals to prohibit nearby plant growth. Infestation of an area is aided by deer, earthworms, and the presence of invasive buckthorn. It is listed as a restricted noxious weed, which does not yet have effective means of control. The importation, sale, and transportation of this plant is prohibited in the state except as allowed by Minnesota Statutes.

Identifying Characteristics:

- **Leaves.** First year plants form a basal rosette with rounded, violet or creeping Charlie-like, toothed leaves. In the second year, bolting plants develop pointed leaf tips and grow a few inches up to 4-feet tall. Spring plants have a strong garlic odor when crushed.
- **Flowers** are white, up to 1/3" wide, with four petals. They grow in clusters at the top of the plant and bloom from late April to June.
- **Seed pods** are thin, upright, and reach a length of 2". Seeds are viable in the soil for several years. They are often carried to new areas on the bottoms of deer hooves, footwear, and tires.

If found in

RAMSEY COUNTY

1 Take pictures and notes.

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2 Report by

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