

## Whitetop

### *Cardaria draba*

#### Description

#### Habit

Creeping perennial that can reach a height of 2 ft.

#### Leaves

Alternate, 1.6-4 in. long, blue green in color and lance-shaped. Lower leaves are stalked, upper leaves have two lobes that clasp the stem.

#### Stems

Erect, growing up to 2 ft. tall.

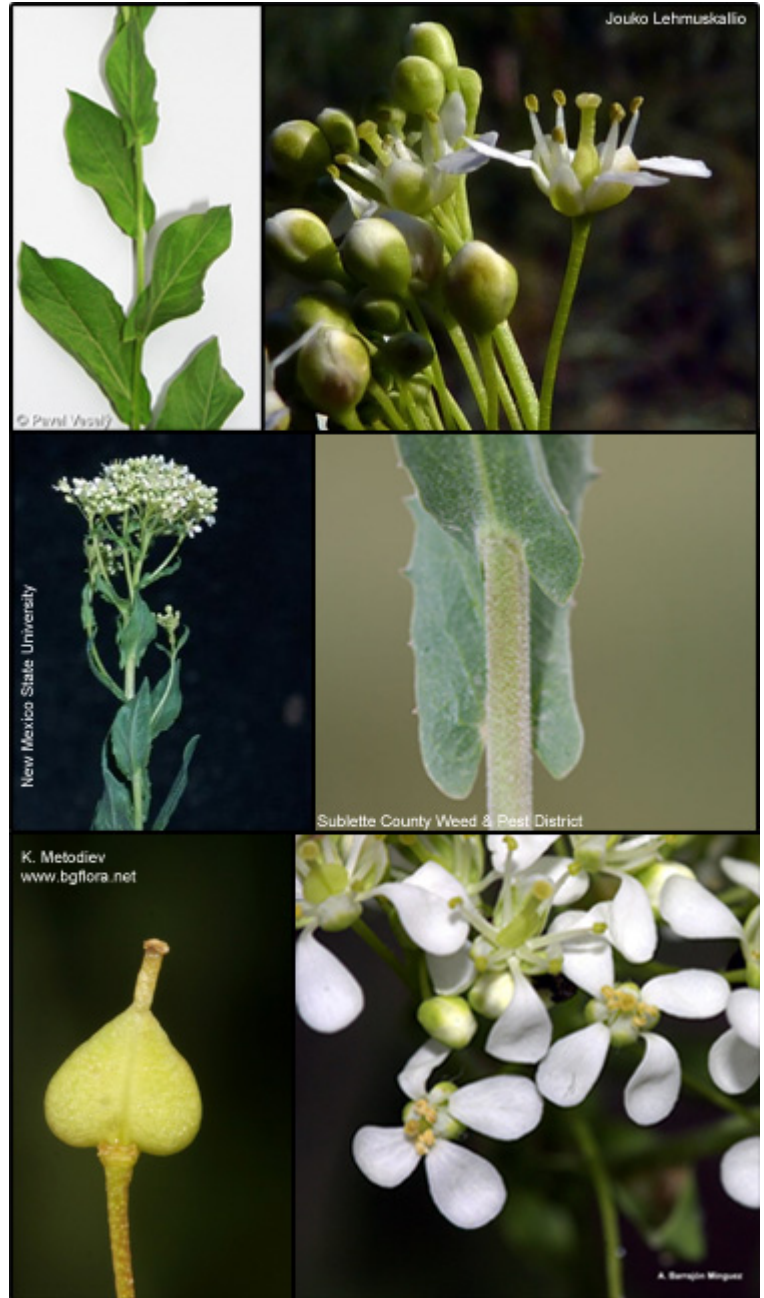
#### Flowers

Numerous white flowers with 4 petals, umbel-shaped.

#### Fruits and Seeds

Heart-shaped and contain 2 reddish-brown seeds.

#### Habitat



Native to Eurasia. Found in open, disturbed sites such as fields, waste places, meadows, pastures, croplands, and along roadsides.

### **Reproduction**

By seed and creeping rhizomes. Each plant can produce upwards of 1200-4800 seeds.

### **Similar**

Hairy whitetop (*Cardaria pubescens*) and Chalapa hoarycress (*Cardaria chalapana*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

### **Credits**

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