

# Common ragweed

# Ambrosia artemisiifolia

# **Description**

Considered invasive due to its competitive nature.

## Habit

Ranges from 3-6 ft, branches frequently when population densities are low, shallow taproot, fiberous root system, abundant pollen.

#### Leaves

Cotyledons are thick and oval to spatula-shaped, leaves are fernlike, once or twice compound and usually hairy, upper leaves are alternate, lower leaves may be opposite or alternate with distinct petioles.

#### Stems

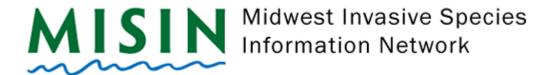
Usually hairy; erect and branched up to 6 ft tall.

#### **Flowers**

Generally inconspicuous, found on terminal branches, produces a prolific amount of pollen.

# **Fruits and Seeds**





Seed is enclosed in a single-seeded, woody fruit with several spikes resembling a crown.

#### Habitat

Native to North America. Grows well in poor soil.

# Reproduction

By seed. Plants can produce up to 3500 seeds.

#### Similar

Giant Ragweed (Ambrosia trifida); Western Ragweed (Ambrosia psilostachya).

## **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Effectively controlled using any of several readily available general use herbicides.

#### **Credits**

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