

Hoary alyssum

Berteroa incana

Description

This species is listed under <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/plant-pest/plant-health-certification-and-export/seed> Regulation No. 715 - Seed Law Implementation as a restricted noxious weed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Habit

Annual; biennial or perennial; ranges from 1-3 ft tall. "Hoary" indicates many rough hairs on stems, leaves and seed pods.

Leaves

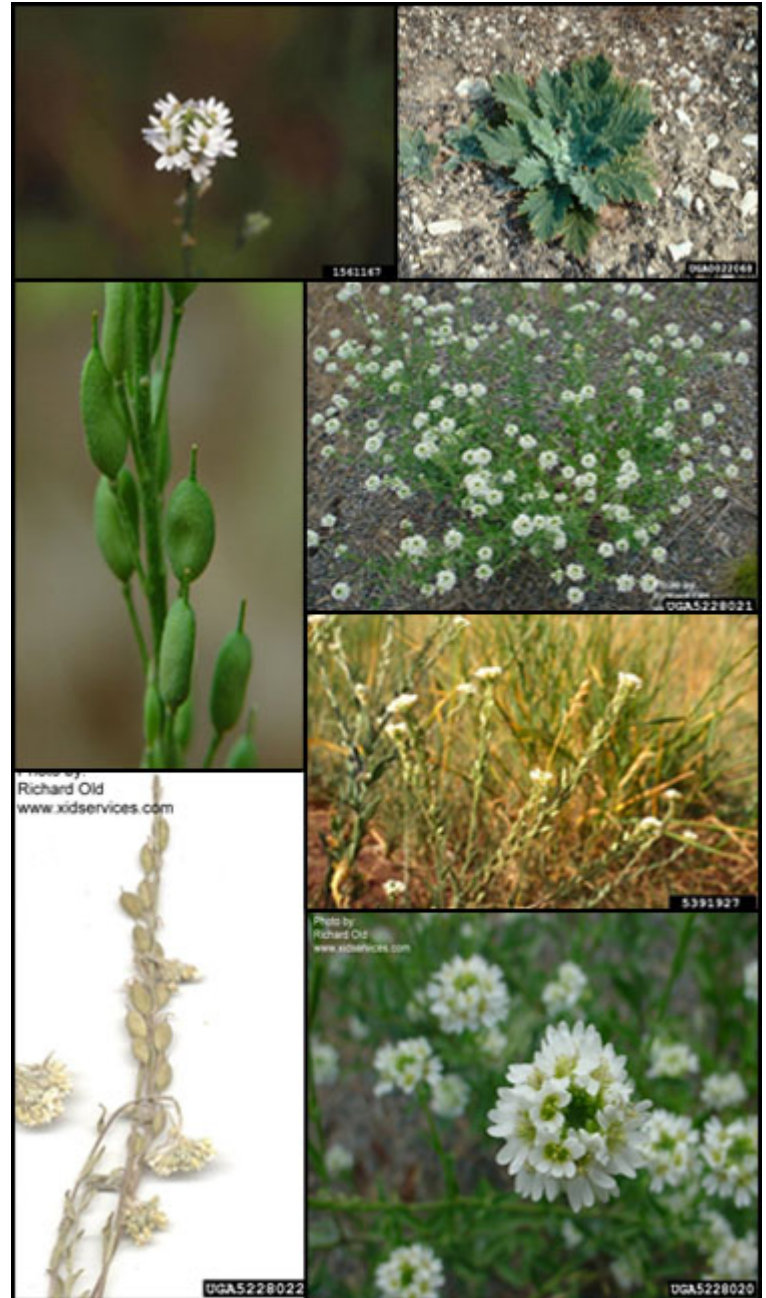
Alternate, gray-green; hairy; oblong; narrow; 1/2-3 in long; smooth edges.

Stems

Gray-green and hairy with many branches near the top.

Flowers

White in color, 4 deeply divided petals.





Fruits and Seeds

Hairy, swollen, oblong with short beaks on end,
seeds are oblong, rough, dull gray-brown.

Habitat

Native to Europe. Grows well in sandy soils and found along roadsides, railroad tracks, disturbed lands, waste areas, meadows and pastures.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Pale madwort (*Alyssum alyssoides*); Desert madwort (*Alyssum desertorum*); Yellowtuft (*Alyssum murale*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Small infestations can be hand pulled or dug up; effectively controlled using herbicides such as glyphosate.

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