

Whitetop

Cardaria draba

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 prohibited noxious weed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

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.

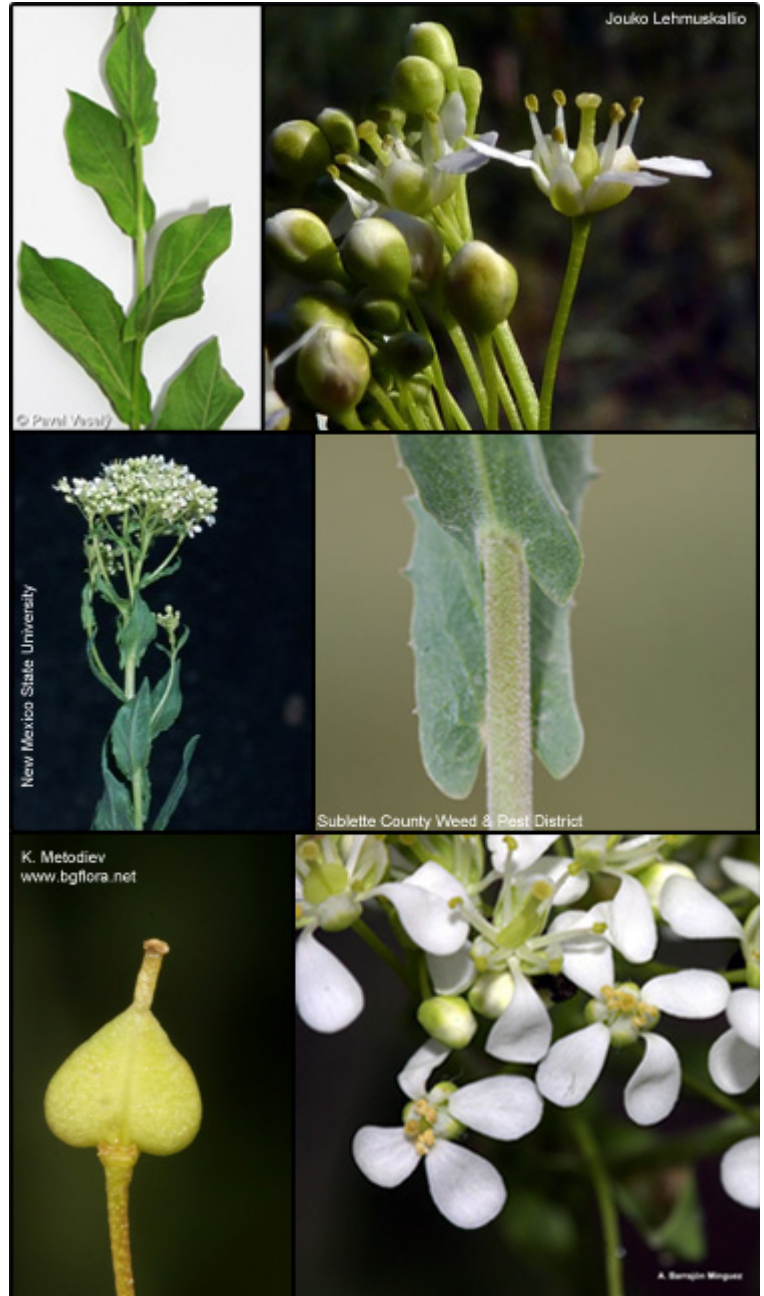
Stems

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 (*Lepidium appelianum*) and Lenspod whitetop (*Cardaria chalepensis*)

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