

Snow on the mountain

Euphorbia marginata

Description

Plant contains a white milky latex that is toxic if ingested.

Habit

Summer annual reaching a height of 1-3 feet.

Leaves

1-3 inches long, green in color, upper leaves develop white margins, alternate, smooth, oblanceolate, elliptic or oblong-ovate in shape, entire margins, sessile or with a short petiolate.

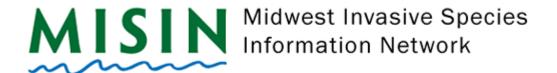
Stems

Light green in color becoming light yellow to reddish brown. Younge stems covered in white hairs becoming smooth with age.

Flowers

Upper stems terminate in small clusters of narrow, cup-shaped cyathia containing both male and female flowers. Inconspicuous, greenish-yellow in color, lacking sepals and





petals, petal-like white bracts that are showy.

Fruits and Seeds

Capsules, 6-8 mm across, sub globoid, 3-valved, covered in dense white hairs. Each valve contains 1 seed. Seeds are 3-4 mm long, ovoid, minutely tuberculate.

Habitat

Native to the Great Plains of the United States. Can be found in waste places and disturbed sites.

Reproduction

By seed.

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