

## 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 petiole.

#### Stems

Light green in color becoming light yellow to reddish brown. Younger 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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