

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

GARLIC MUSTARD

(Alliaria petiolata)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Biennial to annual herb in the mustard family
- Leaves triangular to heart-shaped with scalloped edges, and emit a distinct garlic odour when crushed.
- Clusters of white, 4-petal flowers usually occur at the top of plants.
- Flowering plants 5-150 cm tall.
- Spread mainly by seeds hitchhiking on pet and wildlife fur, human clothing, machinery, in soil and water.
- A single plant can produce up to 8,000 seeds (10-20 seeds/pod).
- Thrives in moist, densely shaded areas to open, dry sites.
- *Cut plants capable of re-sprouting from root crown and flowering <10 cm tall.*



REPORT PROHIBITED SPECIES

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1-888-WEEDSBC



DISTRIBUTION IN BC

Confirmed sites limited to the regions of Greater Victoria, Metro Vancouver, Central and North Okanagan.



PRIMARY THREAT: Dominates understory, displaces beneficial vegetation and threatens ecosystems and/or species-at-risk.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- REPORT sightings.
- SELECT non-invasive plants for your garden.
- Don't dispose of yard waste in natural areas.



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm