

GARLIC MUSTARD INFORMATION

Garlic Mustard is a non-native, biennial herb that grows 5-46 inches tall. It was introduced to the United States for herbal and medicinal purposes in 1868. Garlic Mustard aggressively out-competes native species. It starts its growth in early spring and ends later than most native species. This causes garlic mustard to shade out native wildflowers and out-competes native seedlings. Within 10 years garlic mustard can displace most herbaceous native plants. The seed capsules can hold hundreds to thousands of seeds, which are dispersed by wind and water, and transported by humans and animals. Seeds can remain viable in the soil for up to 7 years. Spring is an ideal time to pull garlic mustard, as the soil is moist and it allows the whole plant and roots to be easily pulled out. You can find additional information at <http://www.ohiodnr.com>.

