

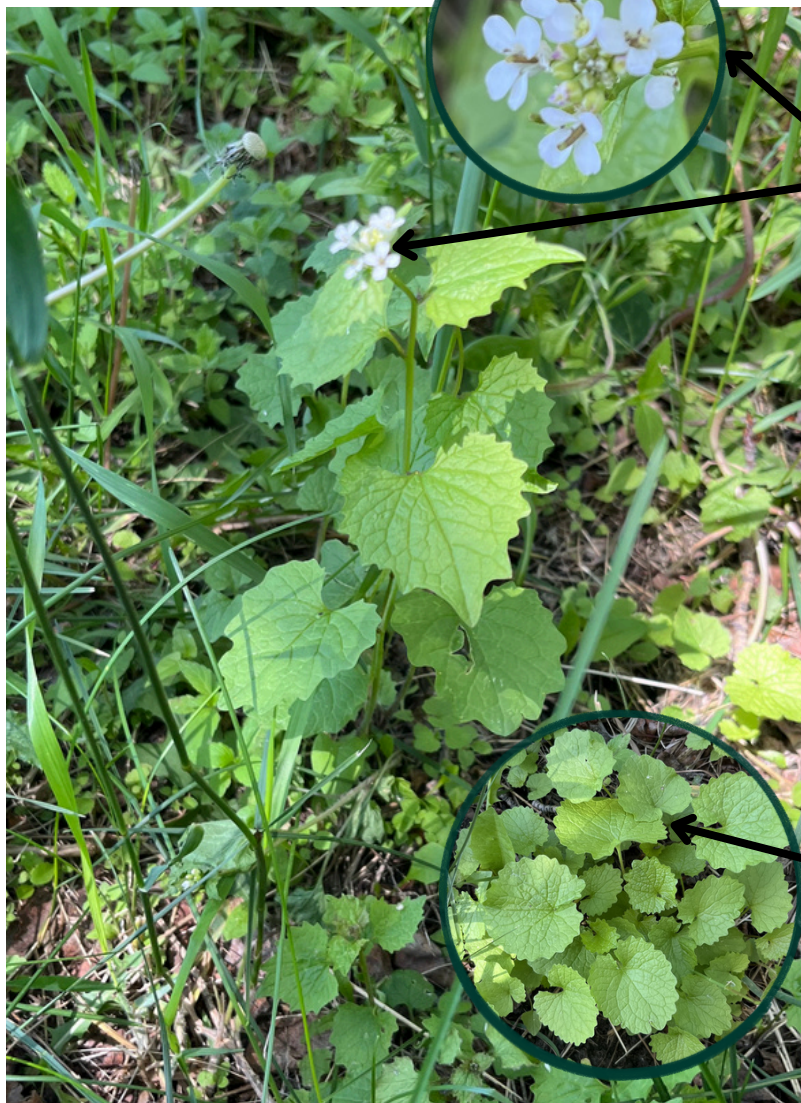
Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata (garlic root, garlic wort)

Garlic mustard is a highly invasive Prohibited Noxious weed under Alberta's *Weed Control Act* and has the potential to spread rapidly if left unmanaged.

Garlic mustard is particularly concerning because it can invade forests, natural areas, shelterbelts and landscaped properties, where it outcompetes native vegetation and reduces biodiversity.

Identification



Flowers: Clustered at the tops of stems, and have 4 white petals approximately 0.5 cm long.

Stem leaves: Alternate, coarsely toothed, heart-shaped and 5-10 cm wide.

Stems: Usually 1-2 stems per plant growing 30 to 90 cm tall, with little or no branching in upper stems. Stems are usually smooth but may be sparsely hairy.

Rosette leaves: Dark green and round to heart-shaped with scalloped edges. Both stem and rosette leaves have long, hairy petioles.

What To Do If You Find Garlic Mustard

- Take a clear picture of the plant
- Note the location of the plant
- Report it to Rocky View County Agricultural Services by email or through our report-a-weed form



Controlling Garlic Mustard

Small infestations can often be controlled by carefully hand-pulling plants, ensuring the entire root system is removed. Pulled plants should be bagged and disposed of to prevent seed spread.