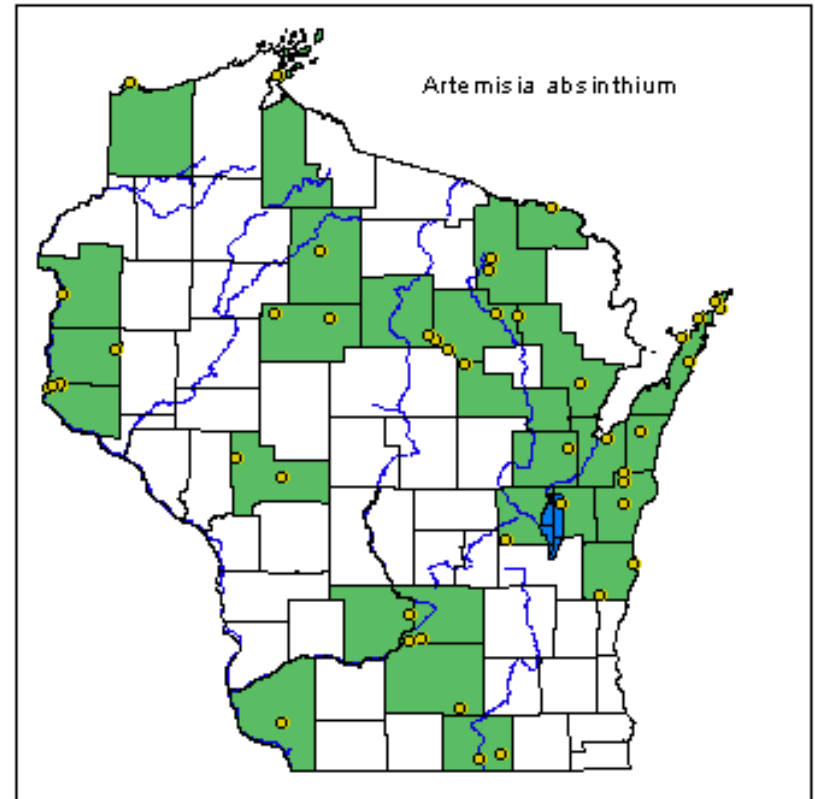


# Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)



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- Grayish white herb with finely divided, fragrant foliage
- Habitats it invades:
  - Grasslands
- Status
  - Wisconsin: Prohibited
  - Not regulated in neighboring states





# Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)

## *Leaves alternate, simple*



- Leaves are deeply lobed, the principal lobes divided again
- Leaves are whitish, especially when young; 1-4" long
- Plants are fragrant, with a sage-like odor



# Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)

## *Flower/fruit*



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- Flower heads are yellow, discoid,  $\frac{1}{4}$  " across
- Flower heads borne in branched inflorescences; July-Sept.
- Fruit is hard, small; an achene



# Absinth wormwood look alike



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Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*) looks like other wormwoods (*Artemisia* spp.) and consulting a technical key is best for telling the species apart. The two most common wormwoods have leaves that are quite different from absinth wormwood.



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The **native** field sagewort (*Artemisia campestris*) has **leaves** that are **very finely lobed with narrow segments**. It grows in prairies and on Great Lakes dunes.



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The **invasive** common mugwort (*Artemisia vulgaris*) has **leaves** that are **less finely lobed** and the **leaves are not as white**. It is common along highways.