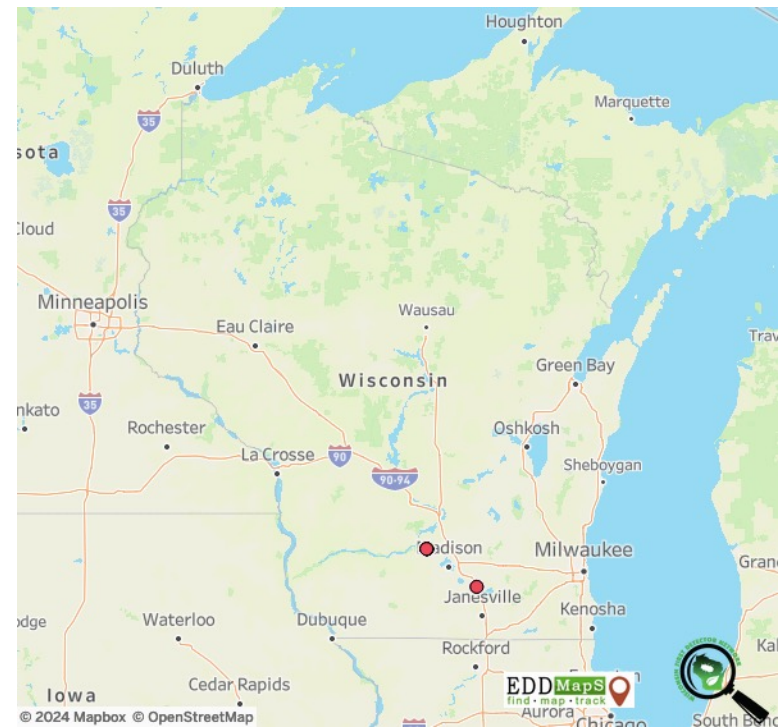


Perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*)



- Robust perennial mustard with spreading roots and numerous small white flowers
- Habitats it invades:
 - Agricultural land
 - Grasslands
 - Roadsides
- Status
 - Wisconsin: Prohibited
 - Regulated in: IN





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Leaves alternate, simple

- Basal leaves are 4-11" long, oblong, with entire or toothed margins
- Stem leaves are smaller, with shorter petioles
- Plants grow as rosettes early in spring





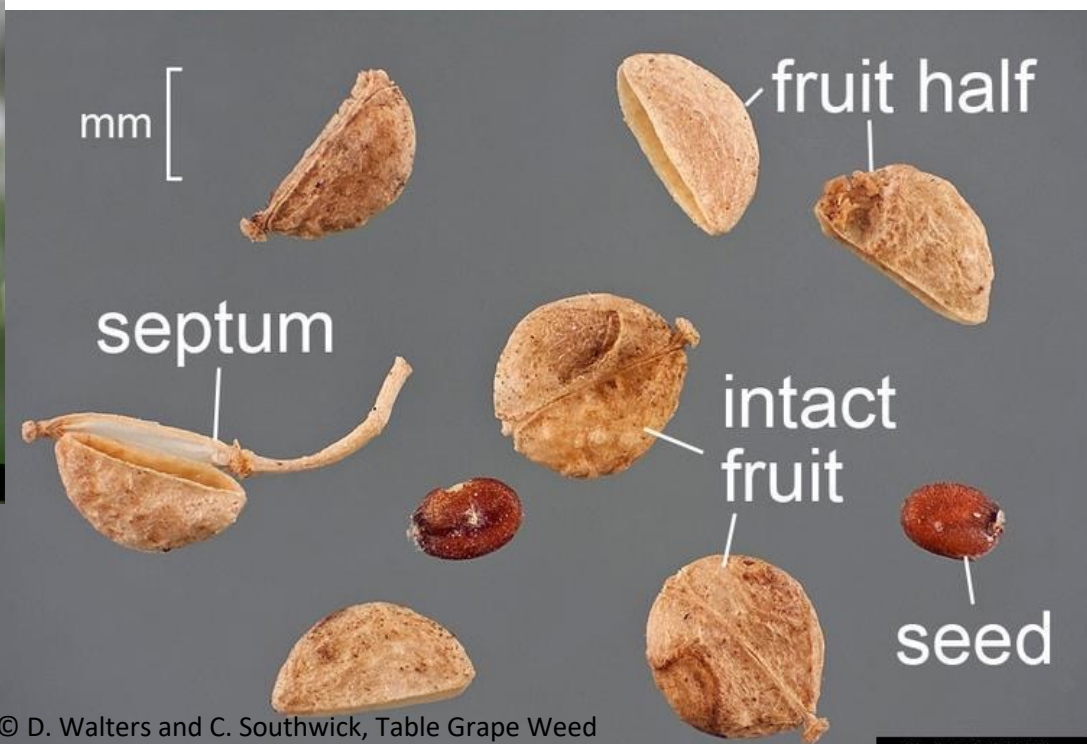
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Flower/fruit

- Flowers are white, with four petals, 6 stamens
- Flowers borne on widely spreading branches; late spring to summer
- Fruit is a round to oval, hairy capsule with 1 seed



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Perennial pepperweed look alike

Perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*) may get confused with other *Lepidium* species, especially hoary cress (*L. draba*). It can grow much taller than the other *Lepidium* species and has tiny fruits.



Perennial pepperweed has dense clusters of small white flowers (left) that develop into tiny, hairy, flat pods (right).



Perennial pepperweed leaves are gray-green and waxy (right).



Name	Stem	Leaves	Flowers	Fruit/Seeds
Perennial pepperweed (<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>) I	1-5' tall ; multiple stems from base	Basal leaves up to 12" with serrated edges; stem leaves waxy, gray-green, 1-3" long with distinct petiole	Dense clusters of small (<1/4") , white flowers; late spring	Tiny, oval, hairy flat pods, <0.1"
Hoary cress (<i>L. draba</i>) I	8-24" tall; unbranched except in flower clusters; multiple stems from base	Basal long stalked, spatula shaped; lower stem irregularly toothed or shallowly lobed, 1-4" long; up stem become more lance-oblong, less toothed; stalkless	Flattish clusters of 1/4" flowers with 4 paddle shaped white petals	Teardrop to upside-down heart-shaped flat pod, up to 1/6" long
Field pepperweed (<i>L. campestre</i>) N-N	8-24" tall	Rosette leaves finely toothed, rounded at tip/ Upper stem leaves 1-2" long, arrowhead shaped, stalkless , toothless or partially toothed	May-June; dense racemes to 6" long; flowers ~1/4"; white to green petals	Oblong to ovate flat pod; <1/4" long