

Narrow leaf bittercress look alike

Narrow leaf bittercress (*Cardamine impatiens*) may be confused with other *Cardamine* species that have pinnately compound basal leaves with rounded leaflets and stem leaves with narrower leaflets, especially Pennsylvania bittercress.



Narrow leaf bittercress has tiny flowers with indistinct petals.



Narrow leaf bittercress a pair of auricles clasping the stem at the base of each leaf.

Species	Flowers	Stem
Narrow leaf bittercress (<i>C. impatiens</i>)	~1/2" rounded clusters of tiny flowers; white to greenish, 4 absent or indistinct petals; May - July	6-30" tall; hairless; pair of auricles on stem where leaf joins
Pennsylvania bittercress (<i>C. pensylvanica</i>)	Elongated clusters of 1/8 – 1/4" flowers; 4 white petals; April – June	6-18" tall; mostly hairless or sparsely hairy, especially near base; no auricles; green or sometimes purplish
Small flowered bittercress (<i>C. parviflora</i>)	Elongated clusters of 1/8" flowers; 4 white petals; April – June	4-12" tall; hairless or hairy; unbranched; no auricles; sometimes purple near base
Cuckoo flower (<i>C. pratensis</i>)	Loose, elongated clusters of 1/2" flowers; 4 white petals; May – June	8-20" tall; slender stems erect but very weak; often flopping over; no auricles