Lepidium latifolium

Invasive to Maine

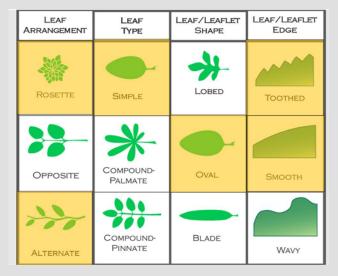
Perennial Pepperweed Broadleaved Pepperweed

Coastal and Upland

Leaves



Leaves are waxy, alternate, oval to lance shaped with smooth or toothed margins. Leaves near the base of the plant are on petioles. Leaves toward the top of the plant have no petioles but do not clasp the stem.



Seasonal Change





From late spring through summer look for dense clusters of white flowers with 4 petals. Small 2mm wide fruits are flat disk shaped on stems.

Researched and created by Caroline Casals Help us improve this species card! Contact us with your updates.

Plant

Look for a 30cm - 1.5 m tall plant with alternate leaves and white flowers often growing near coastal marshes or by roadsides. Juveniles are a basal rosette plant.



Wikimedia user Malte



The base of the stems are semi-woody. Plants may be single stemmed or have multiple stems forming a woody patch. It has a large creeping root system.

Similar Species

There are several other species of pepperweed in the same genus as broadleaved pepperweed. The best way to tell broadleaved pepperweed from its non-invasive cousins is by its waxy leaves and coastal marsh habitat.

Did You Know?

Broadleaved pepperweed is in the mustard family. Like many other plants in the family, it has a strong flavor to deter herbivores. The leaves have a sharp peppery taste, giving pepperweed its common name.



