

Garlic Mustard *Alliaria petiolata* By Josie Bradshaw



LOOK AT ALL THESE LITTLE, HELPLESS PLANTS!!

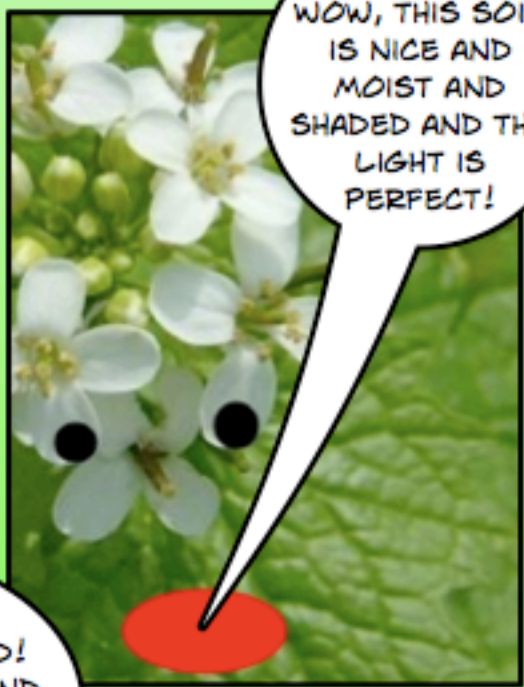


YEAH. BUT, THAT DOESN'T MATTER. WE'LL JUST SUFFOCATE THEM FROM THE SUN AND MOISTURE, SO THEY WILL BE GONE SOON. WHERE ARE WE ANYWAY??

OH MY GOSH. YOU HAVE THE WORST SENSE OF DIRECTION. WE'RE IN PENOBSCOT COUNTY. MAINE. BUT WE CAN LIVE ANYWHERE.



WOW! LOOK AT THAT BUTTERFLY! IT WILL SOON BE GONE ALSO. ONLY IF THEY LAY THEIR EGGS ON OUR LEAVES AND THEN WE CAN KILL THE EGGS.



OH I KNOW. WOW, THIS SOIL IS NICE AND MOIST AND SHADED AND THE LIGHT IS PERFECT!



YOU ARE SO SPOILED! THAT SOIL DOES SOUND NICE, BUT YOU DON'T NEED IT TO LIVE.



DO YOU SEE THAT TREE OVER THERE? WELL IT IS IN MY WAY. AT LEAST I CAN COMPETE WITH THE MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI THAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE TREES FEEDING AND LIVING UNDERGROUND. SO I FIGURE THAT I'M BASICALLY COMPETING WITH THAT TREE. I BET THAT IF WE WORK TOGETHER WE COULD KILL ALL THESE HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND REPRODUCE. OOOHHH AND MAYBE IF WE MAKE A BIG ENOUGH "ARMY" THAN WE CAN KILL SOME TREES!!!!



THAT WOULD BE AWESOME!! BUT, YOU KNOW THAT THE HUMANS CAN ELIMINATE US AFTER A LONG SEQUENCE OF HAND-PULLING, CUTTING, BURNING, AND HERBICIDE TREATMENT. HOWEVER, IT WILL EITHER CONTROL US SO WE CAN'T REPRODUCE OR THEY WILL ELIMINATE US.



WHAT? I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD NEVER GO!! THOSE HUMANS!!



THEY PROBABLY HATE US BECAUSE WE CHANGE BIODIVERSITY SO MUCH! YOU KNOW THEY DO CONSIDER US AS AN INVASIVE SPECIE. WE DEPRIVE PLANTS FROM SUN AND MOISTURE. PLUS, WE COMPETE WITH TREES AND KILL BUTTERFLY EGGS!! I NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY!! WE ARE REALLY BAD.