

WANTED

Perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*)



Pepperweed is an aggressive invasive plant that has been found in salt marsh edges, along roadsides, and in drainage ditches in north-eastern Mass. and is spreading northward in coastal habitats. Once a population is established, it creates dense, single-species stands, out-competing local flora and making poor habitat for local wildlife. The mature plant generally grows 1 to 3 feet tall, but can reach up to 4 feet in height.

Populations of pepperweed in New Hampshire have been located in Hampton and Rye. The Coastal Program needs help finding the locations of new infestations.

Three Identifying Traits:



Smooth Stem



Alternate Leaves: one leaf grows from each point along the stem, alternating the side of the stem it grows from.



Flowers: White flowers appear in July in dense clusters. Each pepperweed flower has four spoon-shaped petals.

If you observe a plant with all three characteristics, please note the location, and report findings to the Coastal Program at (603) 559-1500. Please do not attempt to remove the plant yourself. Pepperweed requires specific handling techniques to prevent further spread.

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