

Hoary Cress

Category 2: Eradicate

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and eradication.

Cardaria draba

Family: Brassicaceae (Mustard).

Other Scientific Names: *Lepidium draba*.

Other Common Names: Whitetop, heart-podded hoary cress, pepperweed, whitetop, whiteweed, pepper-grass, hoary cardaria.

Origin: Eurasia.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Perennial. Seeds and long rhizomes.

Identification: Numerous white flowers with four petals. Leaves are alternate, 4 to 10 cm long, lance-shaped and blue-green in colour. Lower leaves are stalked while upper leaves are clasping. Seed capsules are heart-shaped.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: FRPA.

Habitat: Open, sunny sites from low- to mid-elevations. Disturbed sites, dry roadsides, fields, meadows, pastures.

Status and Distribution: Limited distribution. Private land and roadsides at Columbia Gardens and Rossland. See reverse for map of recorded locations.

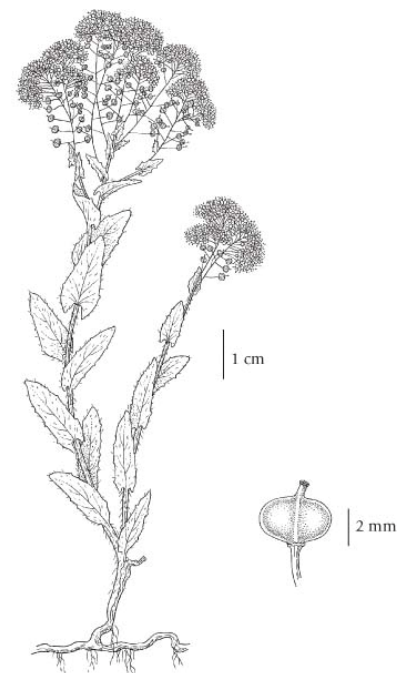
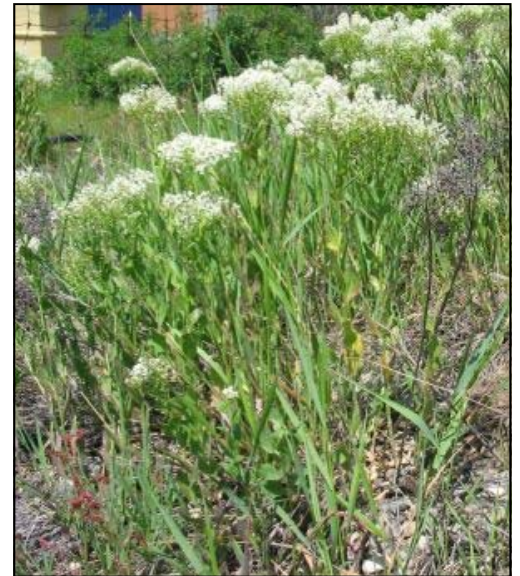
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: ICHdw1, ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Eradication would be desirable but the plant is difficult to control culturally, mechanically or with herbicides.
- Where possible, eradicate new and small infestations.

For More Information:

- http://www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/hoary_cress.pdf



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*Infestations of Hoary Cress
in the Central Kootenay*



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