

Hairy Bittercress: Identification and Resources

Identification

A small plant that seems insignificant but spreads aggressively. Get it before the seedpods burst and disperse the seeds several feet away. See <http://identifythatplant.com/hairy-bittercress-cardamine-hirsuta/> and https://www.bbg.org/news/weed_of_the_month_hairy_bittercress





Resources

Hairy bittercress has only recently arrived in the neighborhood. Elizabeth Mount, who maintains the garden at the Forest Home Chapel, said in early 2021, that four years before, she had never heard of it. It arrived at other locations on the 200 block of Forest Home Drive about the same time, appearing to come down from the slope above and to continue moving in that direction year by year.

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/cardamine-hirsuta/> [from North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension]

<https://www.wildedible.com/bittercress>

"Hairy bittercress (*Cardamine hirsuta*) is a really unfortunate name for a wonderfully tasty edible weed that is perfect for foraging. ... A more appropriate name would be Not-so-hairy and pleasantly-mild spicycress." [also from North Carolina]

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/hairy_bittercress_a_weed_to_watch_out_for [from Michigan State University Extension]

<https://extension.psu.edu/lawn-and-turfgrass-weeds-hairy-bittercress> [from Penn State Extension]