

GARLIC MUSTARD (*Alliaria petiolata*)

Why I am *NOT* your friend...

1. I change the soil to make it inhospitable to our native trees and plants

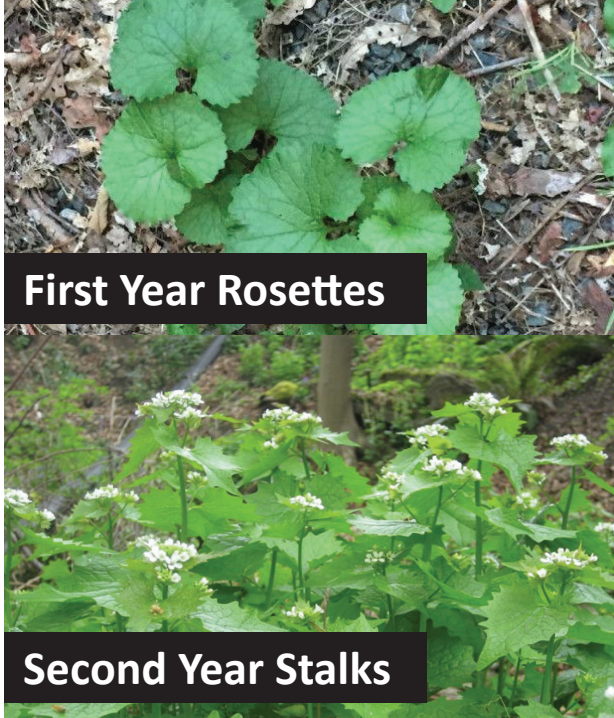
(I am allelopathic, meaning I contaminate the surrounding soil making it difficult to impossible for our native species to take root!)

2. I can make 7,900 seeds per flowering plant

(Seeds can remain dormant in the soil for ten years!)

3. I form a monoculture, which negatively impacts the whole system.

(Now that we are all in quarantine, we love noticing a diversity of birds and pollinators. Garlic Mustard doesn't help our non-human friends, so it is NO FRIEND OF OURS!)



First Year Rosettes

Second Year Stalks

Get... me... *outta here!*

- best to remove after a rain, pull up at the base of the plant to get the roots (relatively easy, even your kids could help pulling this one up! Make sure you get the big root, called the tap root)
- cuttings should be burned or bagged for disposal
- if you are sure no pesticide have been use don site, you can make pesto from me! YUM! (another activity with the children!)
- it can take years, don't be discouraged, your native plant friends can return! Flowering plants should be your first priority.
- after removal, replace with a hearty native plant (for inspiration visit: pollinator-pathway.org & audubon.org/native-plants)

I thrive on roadsides. Pluck me when you can!