

PULL These Plants, Don't Let them Go to Seed!

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) (From the Ministry of Agriculture website)

Garlic mustard, a biennial herb in the Mustard Family, is native to Europe and Asia. It is believed that settlers brought this plant to North America for use in cooking and medicine. In Ontario, garlic mustard infestations can be quite dense and advance quickly. Garlic mustard is shade tolerant and predominantly found in rich, moist forests and wooded stream banks.



Garlic mustard

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Garlic mustard seedling

Dog-strangling Vine (a.k.a. Pale Swallowwort)

This plant is highly invasive. It will thrive in shade, sun and all soil conditions, spread rapidly, reduce or eliminate other plants, and is extremely difficult to control. If you see this plant in your garden, **REMOVE IT IMMEDIATELY.**

(From Fletcher Wildlife Garden)

Dog Strangling Vine is an extremely aggressive plant species from the milkweed family that has traditionally inhabited field borders, roadside and rail tracks. It is possible to eradicate the plants by digging them out during the first year of establishment. Since they can re-sprout from root fragments left in the ground, it is necessary to make sure all roots are removed.

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