

Virginia pepperweed

Lepidium virginicum L.



Life cycle

Erect winter of summer annual.

Leaves

Leaves initially develop from a basal rosette. Lower leaves are oval with toothed margins on long petioles. Mature leaves are irregularly lobed, smooth and tapering to the petiole, and hairless. Upper leaves are alternate, toothed or entire, lanceolate and pointed.



Virginia pepperweed flowers and fruit.

Stems

Erect, branched with small hairs, mostly 1.5- to 2-foot-tall stems bolt from a basal rosette to flower.

Flowers and fruit

White to greenish flowers with four small petals are found in terminal clusters. Fruit are flat, round to oval, distinctly winged, .25 inch-wide pods with a shallow notch.



Virginia pepperweed flowering stalk with leaves.

Reproduction

Seeds.



Virginia pepperweed mature plant.

Virginia pepperweed rosette.



Brassicaceae (Mustard family)