



Alliaria petiolata (garlic mustard) was **introduced from Europe** in the 1800s and has invaded fields and forests across the northern United States, in some places becoming the dominant ground cover. Its growth habits and allelopathic chemicals threaten the balance of native ecosystems as it impedes the growth of trees and soil fungi and displaces native plants, disrupting the wildlife that depend on them.

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