

GLOBAL INVASIVE SPECIES DATABASE

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: Cardamine flexuosa

Cardamine flexuosa System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Capparales	Brassicaceae

Common name wavy bittercress (English), wavy-leaved bittercress (English), woodland

bittercress (English), wood bittercress (English)

Synonym Cardamine hirsuta , ssp. flexuosa (With.)

Cardamine konaensis, (St. John)

Similar species Cardamine fallax, Cardamine hirsuta

Summary Woodland bittercress, *Cardamine flexuosa* is a highly variable perrenial herb

which flowers vigourously and forms dense root mats that can exclude other species. Seeds possibly remain viable in the seed bank for up to seven years

requiring intensive management for control/eradication.



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Species Description

A low but upright herbaceous plant, normally shorter than 30 cm but can grow taller in marshland. Stem arises from basal rosette of leaves that have about 5 roundish stalked leaflets on each side and a larger one at the end. Stem leaves are similar but smaller and often with narrower leaflets. Flowers are always white, and normally have 6 stamens (Framer, 2002). Ripe side pods are about 12 - 25 mm long and explode when ripe, dispersing seeds up to 500 m (Varnham, 2006). Usually perrenial but can be annual or biannual depending on environmental conditions.

Notes

Cardamine flexuosa is sometimes regarded as a subspecies of Cardamine hirsuta (ITIS, 1998). Morphological resemblances are very strong and the two species are known to hybridise in the wild in Austria (Ellis & Jones, 1969).

Uses

The leaves and roots of Cardamine flexuosa can be eaten raw or cooked (Plants for a Future, 2008).

Habitat Description

Cardamine flexuosa is capable of growing in a variety of environments over a wide range of light and disturbance conditions (Kudoh et al., 1993). Capable of growing in a variety of soil types and acidities but requires it to be moist or wet. In Japan, Cardamine flexuosa is often found as an agricultural weed in paddy fields, crop fields and orchards (Kudoh et al., 1993).

Reproduction

Cardamine flexuosa is a hemaphrodite capable of self-pollination (Plants for a Future, 2008). Hundreds of small seeds are produced in small pods which explode when disturbed (Shanklin, 2006; Varnham, 2006) and can remain viable in the ground for up to 7 years (South Georgia Newsletter, 2005a).



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General Impacts

Cardamine flexuosa flowers vigourously and forms dense understory root mats (South Georgia Newsletter. 2004). These could potentially alter successional processes and displace native plant species. C. flexuosa is also known as a common agricultural weed in paddy fields, crop gardens and orchards (Kudoh et al., 1993).

Management Info

Physical control: Digging out of Cardamine flexuosa appears to be the most effective form of control at present for the removal of plants and prevention or seeding (South Georgia Newsletter, 2008). Disposal of seed contaminated soils in the sea and weed matting have also been attempted, with a combination of spraying and weed matting reccomended for control on South Georgia at present (Varnham, 2006).

Chemical control: Cardamine flexuosa is resistant to many types of herbicide. A recent study indicates that Weedol2 provides the best initial results while glyphosate gives longer lasting control (Varnham, 2006). As seeds may remain viable in the seed bank for up to seven years, continued spraying may be required for long periods of time (South Georgia Newsletter, 2005a).

Pathway

Cardamine flexuosa was possibly transported in stores or footwear from the Falkland Islands where it grows abundantly. Seeds are sticky when wet and can be easily spread on clothing or animals. Cardamine flexuosa was possibly introduced to King Edward Point on vehicles brought in for rebuilding in 2000. Cardamine flexuosa was possibly transported in stores or footwear from the Falkland Islands where it grows abundantly. Seeds are sticky when wet and can be easily spread on clothing or animals.

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[1] MALAYSIA [1] MYANMAR [1] NEW ZEALAND [1] PANAMA [1] PUERTO RICO

[2] SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH **ISLANDS**

[18] UNITED STATES

[1] BAHAMAS

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[1] LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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