Lepidium virginicum **System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Capparales	Brassicaceae

Common name Virginia cress (English), momili (English, Niue), Virginian peppercress (English), Virginia pepperweed (English), wild peppercress (English), culantrillo (Spanish), menstruz (Portuguese), mastuerzo (Spanish), mastruz (Portuguese), mancuerno (Spanish), lentejilla (Spanish), mastuerzo silvestre (Spanish), cresson savane (French), passerage de Virginie (French), naunau (English, Cook Islands), cresson sauvage (French), poorman's-pepperwort (English), peppergrass (English), mastruço (Portuguese), escobilla (Spanish), poorman pepperweed (English), poorman's pepper (English), cresón (Spanish), lépidie de Virginie (French)

Synonym

Similar species

Summary Lepidium virginicum is a weed of agronomic, vegetable, orchard, and nursery crops. It is reported to have naturalised on disturbed sites in Hawaii and the western United States, and spreading rapidly on Grand Cayman.

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Notes
Five direct children have been recognised: *Lepidium virginicum* var. *medium* (Greene) C.L. Hitchc. (medium pepperweed); *Lepidium virginicum* var. *menziesii* (DC.) C.L. Hitchc. (Menzies' pepperweed); *Lepidium virginicum* var. *pubescens* (Greene) Thellung (hairy pepperweed); *Lepidium virginicum* var. *robinsonii* (Thellung) C.L. Hitchc. (Robinson's pepperweed); *Lepidium virginicum* var. *virginicum* L. (poorman's-pepperwort, Virginia pepperweed).

Management Info
Preventative measures: A Risk Assessment of *Lepidium virginicum* for the Pacific Region was prepared by Dr. Curtis Daehler (UH Botany) with funding from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program and US Forest Service. The alien plant screening system is derived from Pheloung *et al*. (1999) with minor modifications for use in Pacific islands (Daehler *et al*. 2004). The result is a high score of 17 and a recommendation of: \"Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawaii and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behavior in Hawaii and/or other parts of the world.\"

Principal source:

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