

# Have you seen this invasive plant?

**Perennial pepperweed** is a new invader of saltwater shorelines and brackish marshes in western Washington.

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Flowers have 4 white petals and form dense clusters at the branch tips. From a distance, they have a fluffy, cloud-like appearance.



Leaves of perennial pepperweed are waxy, alternately arranged on the stem, and have a prominent whitish midvein.



Western Washington infestations are being found on rocky sand beaches and in brackish marshes.

## Why is perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*) a noxious weed?

- Perennial pepperweed can form dense stands and rapidly spreads by seeds, rhizomes, and root fragments.
- It is invading important habitat for shorebirds in western Washington.

## Where do you find perennial pepperweed?

- Perennial pepperweed is commonly found in eastern Washington but rarely found in western Washington. However, it is becoming increasingly present along shorelines and in brackish marshes in the Puget Sound region.

## What can you do?

- Learn to correctly identify this Class B noxious weed.
- Please note that control is required in western Washington to prevent it from gaining a foothold.
- Report any sightings to your county noxious weed control board or to [noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov](mailto:noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov).

