

Garlic Mustard



Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) has small white flowers which have four petals in the shape of a cross and grow in clusters at the ends of the stem. The flowers open from April to June and peak flowering occurs in May. Leaves grow 1-7cm in diameter and are kidney shaped with large irregular teeth and are hairless.

Garlic Mustard is a native winter annual wildflower that is found in damp shaded areas in hedgerows, woodlands and riverbanks. It is common on heavy soils but is most common on rich and calcareous soils particularly chalk. Seedling density can be extremely high and can be considered invasive as it quickly becomes dominant.

Another common name is Jack by the Hedge.

Sowing Time: Spring/Autumn

