

Common Mugwort

Genus/species Artemisia vulgaris

Family Asteraceae

Distribution Eastern and Northwestern United States Minnesota S to Missouri

Missouri SE to Florida
Florida N to Maine
Maine W to Minnesota
Introductions to Pacific
NW and elsewhere

Comments

This is a common introduced weed of roadsides and cultivated areas, and its range may be expanding. The leaves are usually dissected (somewhat resembling those of the cultivated chrysanthemum), of a lighter color underneath, and have a distinct sage scent. The rather nondescript flowers are borne along the stalks, which can get to be 3 or more feet in height. Most plants bloom in the late summer or autumn. However, the plants may form large colonies, spreading mainly by rhizomes.









