

# Weed Alert!

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(*Lepidium chalepense*)

**Mature Size** Knee



## Description

- 2 ft. upright perennial with long, green, hairy stems and white fragrant flowers
- Flowers  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. long with four small petals, grow in loose flat-topped clusters
- Tiny heart-shaped seedpods are tipped with a “beak”
- Leaves  $\frac{1}{2}$  -4 in. long and covered in short white hairs
- Leaves alternate, gray-green, some “arrowhead”-shaped, and “clasp” the stem
- Reproduces by seed and vegetatively from rhizomes
- Spread by roads, agriculture, wildlife, waterfowl, livestock
- Native to Europe and Asia



**Bloom Period** May - Jun

**Habitat** Grassland, scrub



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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