

Goutweed

Aegopodium podagraria

VERY INVASIVE – upcoming in the Arrowhead

Invasive habitat: grows in partial to full shade on moist soils and is found in disturbed areas such as old gardens, roadsides, and forest edges.

Native range: Europe



Known in the Arrowhead, watch carefully



IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: herbaceous perennial that grows 8-27" and was introduced as an ornamental ground cover.



Flowers: white flowers with 5 petals grow in compound umbels and bloom in mid-summer.



Leaves: leaves are mostly basal, and divided into three groups of leaflets. Leaflets are toothed, and are green or variegated with white edges.



Seeds: primary reproduction is via aggressive rhizomes. Seeds require disturbed soil and full sunlight to germinate.

CONTROL



Manual: hand pulling or digging may be effective if the roots are completely and carefully removed.



Chemical: glyphosate provides some control.



Mechanical: cutting or mowing flowers prior to seed set will reduce seed production.



Cultural: plant native wildflowers to provide competition for resources.