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*Lepidium draba*

[Synonyms : *Cardaria brachypetala*, *Cardaria cochlearia*, *Cardaria draba*, *Cardaria draba* subsp. *draba*, *Cardiiolepis dentata*, *Cochlearia draba*, *Crucifera cardaria*, *Draba ruderalis*, *Lepidium arvense*, *Lepidium draba* subsp. *draba*, *Lepidium drabifolium*, *Lepidium matritense*, *Nasturtium draba*]

**HOARY CRESS** is a biennial or perennial. Native to western Asia and the Mediterranean it has tiny white flowers.

It is also known as Devil's cabbage, Globe-podded hoary cress, Globe-podded whitetop, Heart-podded hoary cress, Heart-pod hoary cress, Hoary cardaria, Hoary chess, Hoary pepperwort, *Peperbos Cardaria* (Afrikaans), Peppergrass, Pepperweed whitetop, Perennial peppergrass, *Pfeilkresse* (German), *Pupurlys Llwyd* (Welsh), *Qunaib'rah* (Arabic), Thanet cress, Thanet weed, *Vesnovka obecna* (Czech), *Vesnovka obyčajna* (Slovak), White top, and White weed.

*Draba* means 'like plants in the *Draba* genus'.

In some parts of Afghanistan the leaves have been eaten as a vegetable. The seeds have also provided an alternative to pepper (*Piper nigrum*).

The seeds have been used in India as a fish poison.