

# STOP THE INVASION



**Baby's Breath is commonly an ingredient in wildflower mixes, so be cautious with these mixes.**

## UNWANTED PLANTS

### Origin

Native to Eastern Europe and Western Asia. It was most likely introduced as an ornamental plant.

### Status

Baby's Breath is already widely distributed across North America including locations in Canada such as parts of Alberta and the Great Lakes area.

### Impacts

It has a deep root system that overstabilizes the habitat for native species and allows Baby's Breath to out-compete native species.

### Where to Look

Baby's breath grows in fine to coarse soils as the tap root grows best in coarse soil. It requires full sun and is adapted to arid climates, it is also drought tolerant once it has established.

### LOOK FOR:

**STEMS:** ARE HIGHLY BRANCHED AND BLUISH-GREEN IN COLOUR. THEY CAN GROW TO BE BETWEEN 0.4 AND 1M TALL.

**LEAVES:** ARE LANCE-SHAPED, ATTACHED OPPOSITELY AND ARE USUALLY 2-9MM WIDE.

**FLOWERS:** ARE WHITE (RARELY LIGHT PINK) WITH 5 PETALS THAT ARE APPROXIMATELY 6-8MM IN DIAMETER.



### Prevent further spread!

The best prevention technique is simply not to plant it. Dispose of flower arrangements properly in landfill bound garbage. Also many infestations have been found down wind from cemeteries.

**Report a Sighting:**



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