



**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?**  
It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County

**BROAD-LEAVED  
PEPPERGRASS**

*Lepidium latifolium*

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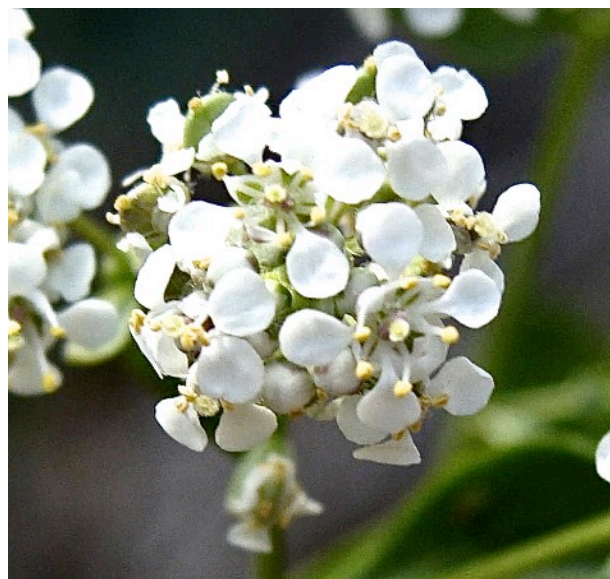
**Distribution map & info:**

- [calflora.org/cgi-bin/species\\_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=4691](http://calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=4691)
- [cal-ipc.org/ip/management/plant\\_profiles/Lepidium\\_latifolium.php](http://cal-ipc.org/ip/management/plant_profiles/Lepidium_latifolium.php)

**Can be confused with:** Whitetop, *Lepidium draba*



Flowering is May-July.



Broad-Leaved Peppergrass is a perennial herb found in moist or seasonally wet sites throughout California.

It grows very aggressively, forming dense colonies that exclude native species. It reproduces both by seed and vegetatively from its roots and small root fragments.

Seeds and root fragments are spread easily by flooding and soil movement, and seeds stick to tires, shoes, and animals, making continued dispersion difficult to avoid.





## BROAD-LEAVED PEPPERGRASS, P. 2



### IF YOU SEE THIS PLANT AT A SITE THAT'S NOT ON THE LIST:

- Record the plant's location as exactly as you can (GPS coordinates if possible), the date you saw it, and an estimate of how many there were. Include the site's landowner or manager, if known.
- Take identifying photos: the whole plant & its surroundings, closeups of leaves, flowers & fruits/pods.
- If you take a sample, place it immediately into a sealed bag.
- To avoid spreading the plant, check your clothing and shoes thoroughly before leaving the area, and remove and bag all traces of seeds.
- Report the find immediately to [invasives@occnps.org](mailto:invasives@occnps.org).