



## KEY CHARACTERISTICS

**growth** Perennial forb that grows from 0.5-1 m tall. Will reproduce from rhizomes and root pieces.

**flower** Resembles *Cardaria draba* in that flowers are white, 4 petalled and appear crowded.

**fruit** Fruit and sepals are hairy and the fruit is taller than wide or globose and remains inflated when dry.

The flower pedicels are held closely to the stem, giving the inflorescence a cylindrical appearance. (Pedicels of *C. draba* are not held as closely to the stem.)

**seeds** Like *C. chalepensis*, the fruit of *C. pubescens* usually contain four seeds (*C. draba* only two).



*C. chalepensis*



The fruit of *C. draba* is heart-shaped, that of *C. pubescens* is globe-shaped and that of *C. chalepensis* is more oval or lens-shaped.



*C. draba*



*C. pubescens*

*flower color*

Elevation:  
Approx. 4000-  
7000 feet

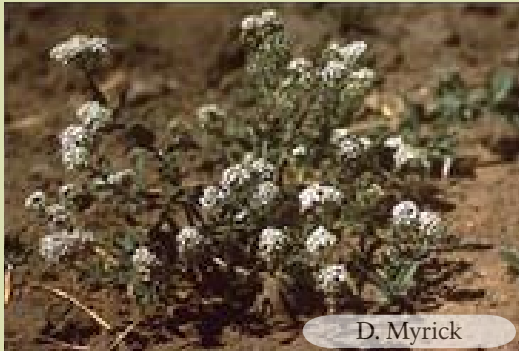
Ecotypes Invaded:  
Semi-desert grasslands, SW interior riparian & montane conifer forests.

## ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

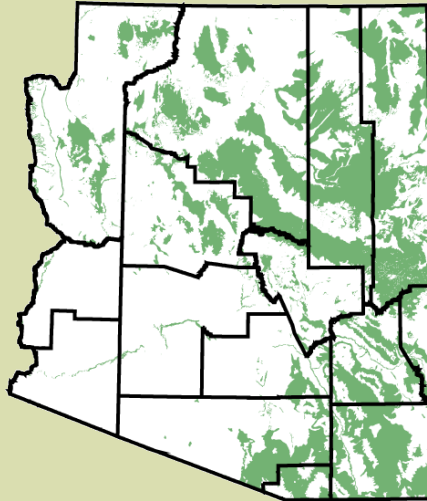
Found on disturbed overgrazed, and cultivated areas, pastures, roadsides and waste areas.

Common on alkaline soils. Can grow in heavy clay, or light, sandy loams.

Highly competitive once established.  
Most aggressive in irrigated conditions or during moist periods.



## SUITABLE HABITAT



Suitable habitat based on the Arizona Wildlands Invasive Plant Working Group (AZ-WIPWG) assessment. Green = suitable habitat; White = unsuitable habitat; Gray = unknown. Based on Brown, Lowe & Pase (1980) vegetation communities.

