

SCENTLESS CHAMOMILE

Tier 2



Overview

Scentless Chamomile was introduced to Canada in the 1930s. Since its introduction, it has had negative effects on the development of field crops in Manitoba.

Invades habitats and decreases species diversity. It is a heavy seed producer and outcompetes field crops and native species.

This weed is an annual, biennial to short-lived perennial, reproducing by seeds.

Habitat

Common along fence lines, roadways and fields in Manitoba. Scentless chamomile can produce up to 300,000 seeds per plant and thrives in solonchic soils. The seed survives for long periods in undisturbed soil.

Identification

Stems: Erect, up to 1m tall, smooth, and multi-branched.

Leaves: Alternate, finely divided into thread-like segments, mostly sessile, dark green, and scentless when crushed.

Flowers: Daisy-like flower. The heads are radiate; white ray florets around the margin, and yellow tubular florets in the center.

Seeds: The seeds are small, 2 mm long, slightly grooved, dark brown, and may have a small pappus.

