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## Mugwort

*Artemisia vulgaris* L.

### Life cycle

Clump-forming, rhizomatous perennial.

### Leaves

Alternate, deeply lobed and divided leaves are dark green above and silvery white below. Leaves emit a strong, sagelike odor.

### Stems

Erect, clump-forming, smooth to slightly hairy stems have lengthwise ridges and become semi-woody with age. They are up to 6 feet tall.

### Flowers and fruit

Inconspicuous flowers are produced in elongated, spikelike clusters on the upper stems. The seed is enclosed in a single-seeded, brown, oblong fruit.

### Reproduction

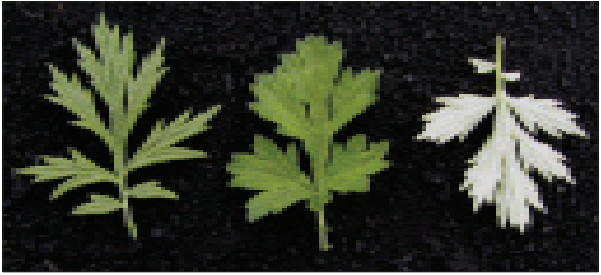
Persistent, prolific rhizomes and, rarely, seeds.



Young mugwort plant.

**Asteraceae (Aster family)**

## Mugwort *continued*



Upper and lower leaf surfaces of mugwort.



Mugwort flowering stem.