

## A Case of Garlic Mustard

### The Invasion of the Garlic Mustard Or, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"



*A skit about invasive species*

**Costumes or  
Puppets:**

Five Garlic Mustard plants  
Trillium  
Jack-in-the-pulpit  
Bluebell  
Bellwort  
Naturalist  
Rock

**Signs:**

One each for Trillium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Bluebell and Bellwort; Four for Garlic Mustard

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**Garlic Mustards:** *(Move forward in a group to enter and say)* We are garlic mustard! We'll be everywhere!

**GM 1:** We came from Europe!

**GM 2:** People brought us to use for food and medicine.

**GM 3:** It was a new place and nobody knew what was here.

**GM 4:** They planted us in the garden, but we liked it here so much we went crazy!

**GM 5:** Now, we're going to crowd out the native wildflowers and be everywhere!!! Ha ha ha ha ha!!!!  
*(All Garlic Mustards move to where the trillium stands.)*

**Trillium:** Leave me alone. This is MY home!

**GM 2:** Not anymore. We are garlic mustard.  
*(Change trillium sign to garlic mustard sign.)*  
*(GMs move to where the Jack-in-the-Pulpit stands.)*

**Jack:** Get away from me! No room for you here.

**GM 3:** We are garlic mustard. We'll make the room!  
*(Change JITP sign to garlic mustard sign.)*  
*(GMs move to where the Bluebell stands.)*

**GM 4:** This is a pretty plant with these pretty blue flowers.

**Bluebell:** Go away! Leave me alone. Go find your own space.

**GM 4:** We did. It's where you're standing. We are garlic mustard. We'll be everywhere!  
*(Change Bluebell sign to GM sign.)*  
*(GMs move to where the Bellwort is and surround it.)*

**Bellwort:** Hey, you're crowing me. I have no room. Go away!

**GM 5:** We are garlic mustard. We'll be everywhere!  
*(Change Bellwort sign to GM sign.)*

**All GMs:** We are garlic mustard! We are everywhere!

**Naturalist:** *(Enters and looks around.)* Where have all the flowers gone? Hmm. *(Sings)*  
Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing?

**Rock:** PSST!

**Naturalist:** What's that? Oh, the rock. *(Walks over to the rock.)* What's up rock?

**Rock:** See those plants over there? White flowers, heart-shaped leaves, smell bad?  
*(Garlic Mustards wave)*

**Naturalist:** They're the only flowers around!

**GMs:** We are garlic mustard. We are everywhere!

**Rock:** They're awful! I've sat here for years and watched the stuff multiply. Worse than dandelions!

**Naturalist:** What can I do about it?

**Rock:** Pull them out by the roots and put them in a plastic bag.

**Naturalist:** There's an awful lot of them.

**Rock:** Every little bit of pulling helps. Go do it!

**Naturalist:** Okay. *(Walks over to the garlic mustard and pretends to pull them out)*

**GMs:** Oh, we're doomed!! *(All fall down)*

**Naturalist:** Well, that's the end of this skit and if everyone does his or her part, hopefully it will be the end of most of the garlic mustard!