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PLANT PROFILE

Lady's mantle

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Species description

Scientific name:

Alchemilla mollis

Native to:

South-eastern Europe
and south-western Asia

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Interesting facts

Potential impacts:

Lady's mantle forms dense clumps and can outcompete other plants and it is already being managed on our nature reserves.



Habitat:

Tolerates a wide variety of habitats. Grows on roadsides, hedge banks, riverbanks, disused railway lines and gravel pits, dry grassland, and waste ground.



A deep-rooted herbaceous perennial.

Introduced to Britain by 1874 and first recorded in the wild in 1925. Lady's mantle is a well-known garden escaper.

How it spreads:

Spreads mainly by seed. It can also spread by rhizome fragments.



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Key identification features

Light green hairy leaves with scalloped and toothed edges on which water droplets collect.



Sprays of tiny yellow flowers above foliage in May to September.



Brown spent
flower heads



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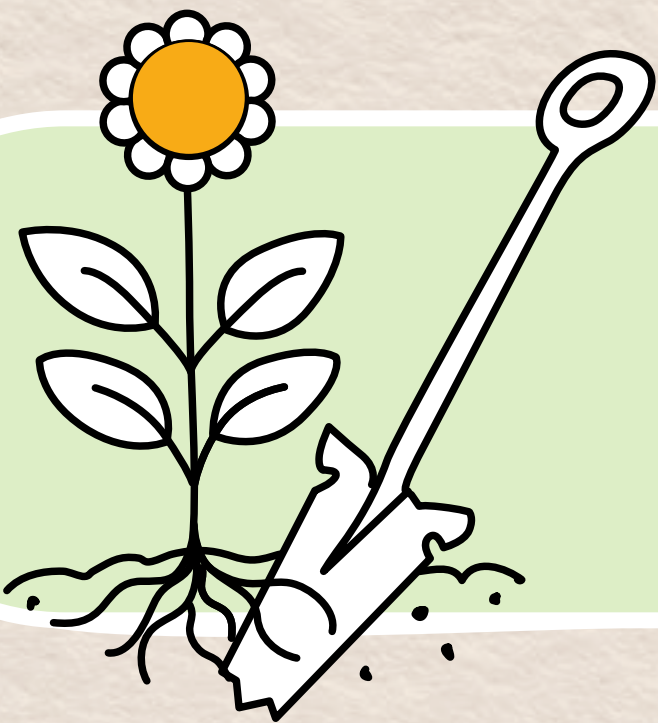
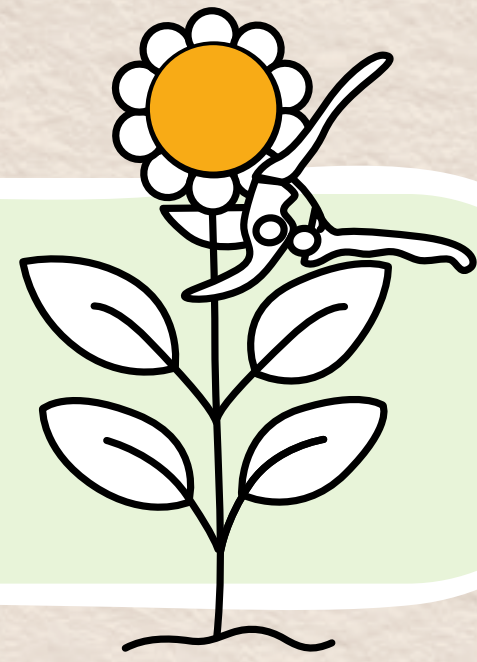
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Take action

Help **stop** the **spread!**

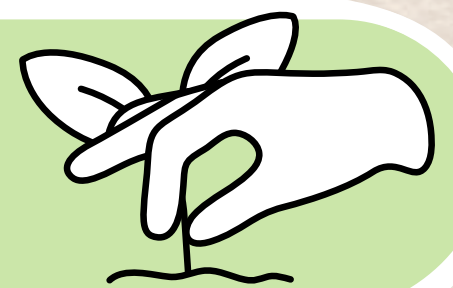


Deadhead after flowers have faded to stop seeds from spreading.



Remove mature plants by digging, taking care to remove the roots.

Remove seedlings by hand-pulling or digging.



It's best not to compost seed heads at home, instead use council garden waste facilities.

Explore our tips for alternative plant ideas.



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Handy tips

Legislation

Not currently listed in legislation as an invasive species.

Similar species:

Not to be confused with:

Alpine lady's mantle
(*Alchemilla alpina*)

Dwarf lady's mantle
(*Alchemilla erythropoda*)



Alpine lady's mantle

Alternative plant ideas

Native

Bugle (*Ajuga reptans*)

Bloody crane's bill
(*Geranium sanguineum*)

Non-native

Barrenwort (*Epimedium*)

Carpet box (*Pachysandra terminalis*)



Bugle



Carpet box

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