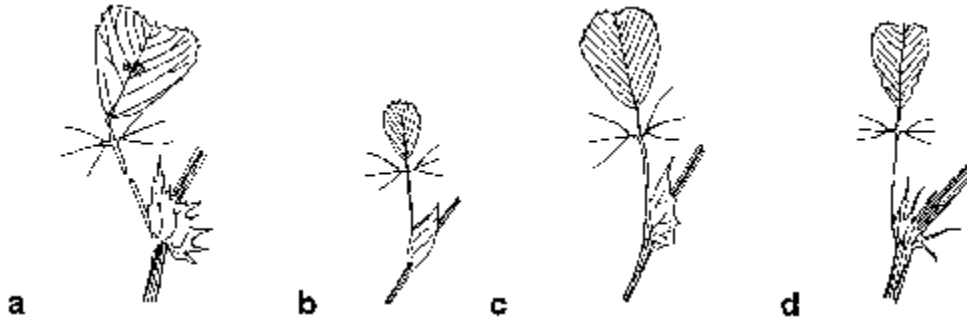


MEDICAGO, VEGETATIVE KEY TO WIDESPREAD ANNUALS

The following key and illustrations may help identify the more widespread native annual *Medicago* species. Maps of *M. minima* and *M. polymorpha* are given in the *Scarce Plants*.



Leaflets and stipules of (a) *M. arabica*, (b) *M. minima*, (c) *M. lupulina*, (d) *M. polymorpha*.

- 1 Leaflets with a dark blotch (Fig. a) *M. arabica* (L.) Huds.
- 1 Leaflets unmarked 2
- 2 Stipules lacinate, only attached to petiole at base (Fig. d); plant ± glabrous *M. polymorpha* L.
- 2 Stipules toothed to entire, attached to petiole for more than half length; plant sparsely to densely hairy 3
- 3 Leaflets usually more than 6 mm; stipules half cordate, ± toothed (Fig. c) *M. lupulina* L.
- 3 Leaflets less than 6 mm; stipules lanceolate to ovate, ± entire to toothed (Fig. b) *M. minima* (L.) Bartal.

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