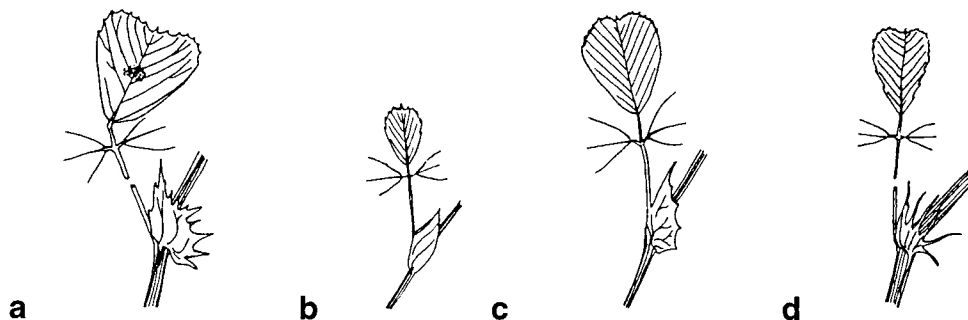


MEDICAGO, VEGETATIVE KEY TO WIDESPREAD ANNUALS

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. polymorpha*, (c) *M. lupulina*, (d) *M. minima*.

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| 1 | Leaflets with a dark blotch (Fig. a) | <i>M. arabica</i> (L.) Huds. |
| 1 | Leaflets unmarked | 2 |
| 2 | Stipules lacinate, only attached to petiole at base (Fig. b); plant ± glabrous | <i>M. polymorpha</i> 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) | <i>M. lupulina</i> L. |
| 3 | Leaflets less than 6 mm; stipules lanceolate to ovate, ± entire to toothed (Fig. d) | <i>M. minima</i> (L.) Bartal. |

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