

ANNUAL MUGWORT

Genus/species	<i>Artemisia annua</i>
Synonyms	Sweet Wormwood, Sweet Annie, Sweet Sagewort, Annual Wormwood
Family	Asteraceae
Distribution	Found in every state in the US with the exception of Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina
Comments	<p>Annual Mugwort is an annual short-day plant. It naturally grows to be 12-40 inches tall. The leaves are less than 2 inches long and are divided by deep cuts into two or three small leaflets. The green-yellowish flowers are very small and arranged in loose panicles. The mature plants are resistant to climate variations, however the young plant are susceptible to too little water and too much water. The plant prefers temperatures between 68- and 75-degrees Fahrenheit.</p> <p>Extracts from Annual Mugwort are known to have antioxidant properties. These extracts are currently under investigation to aid the management of malaria and potentially some cancers.</p> <p>Annual Mugwort is in the genus <i>Artemisia</i> and is highly cross-reactive with other allergenic plants in that genus including common Mugwort and species of sagebrush.</p>

