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## Nature Note

### Ragweed

As the long golden days of summer become shorter, and the cool edge of autumn moves over the land, a rather inconspicuous plant with lacy, deeply notched leaves grows taller and taller, stretching slender greenish-white spikes of flowers toward the sky throughout all of the United States and parts of Canada.

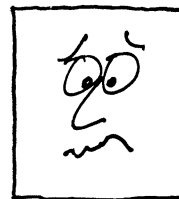
This is the pesty ragweed, source of billions of microscopic pollen grains that cause billions of sneezes from hay-fever victims, from mid-August until about the end of September.

**Pollen grains** are about one-fifth the diameter of a human hair, and are so light they can float for long distances on a whisper of a breeze. Scientists estimate that a single ragweed plant can fill the air with as many as eight billion grains of pollen. When an allergic person breathes this cloud, the antibodies developed within the body to attack the pollen make the tissues sensitive and irritated and cause sneezing and watery eyes.

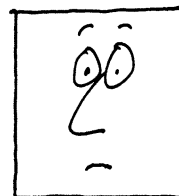
With the scientific name of *Ambrosia*, a Greek word meaning immortal and implying food of the gods, ragweed is a member of the Compositae family, an attractive family including plants such as asters, daisies, dahlias and chrysanthemums. About 15 species of ragweed grow in the United States, five of which are most obnoxious causes of hay fever—common ragweed, also known as Roman wormwood, hogweed and bitterweed; tall ragweed, also known as Buffalo weed; western ragweed; giant western weed and lace-leaved ragweed. Native to America, these plants flourish in almost any kind of soil, from sandy beaches to wind-swept prairies, on sunlit fields and in shadowy pine groves.

**Science has not** yet found a method of doing away with this prolific plant. Best method seems to be to cut the plant in the early summer before the flowering spikes begin to develop and release the pollen. Sufferers can gain some relief from the itching and irritation by injections and pills, or by air conditioning and air filters. Best way, agree the doctors, is to get out of ragweed-infested areas when the season arrives.

A few good things can be said about the weeds. One is that on rawly turned soils, they sprout quickly and prevent erosion until other plants take over. Another is that they provide food for song birds, game birds and waterfowl.



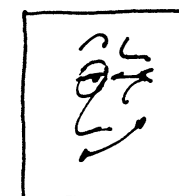
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