

Oldwoman (*Artemisia stelleriana*)

Also called: Dusty miller, Beach wormwood, Hoary sagebrush

Family name: Aster (Asteraceae)

Native range: Russia & Alaska

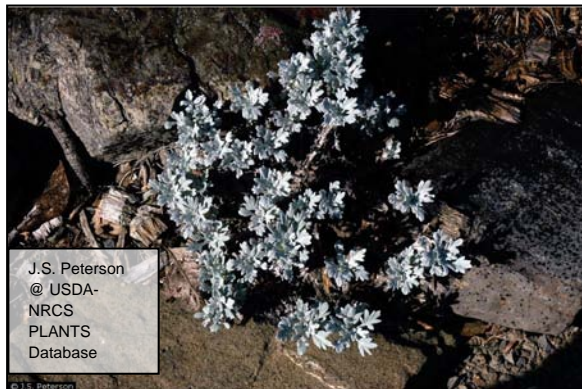
NJ Status: Emerging Stage 0- Very rare. It is *moderately* threatening to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

General description:

- Erect, evergreen herb
- Grows to 2' tall, 3' wide
- Solitary plant with creeping stems

Leaves:

- White/gray or pale green felt-like leaves
- Alternate, 2"-4" long, 1" wide
- Dense coating of white hairs
- Few rounded lobes on each leaf
- Sometimes faintly aromatic



Flowers:

- Tall, yellow, globe-shaped clusters, 0.25" wide
- Densely packed
- Blooms August-September



Fruit:

- Dry seed

Habitat:

- Sand dunes, seacoast
- Full to partial sun, **sandy**, well-drained soil

Commercial Availability: Yes

Look-alikes:

Common mullen (*Verbascum thapsus*)

- Non-native weedy biennial (flowers 2nd year)
- Silvery green velvety leaves- 18", un-lobed
- Yellow flower spike- 5' tall, blooms June-September



Common mullen grows a basal rosette the 1st year, and flowers the 2nd

White sagebrush (*Artemisia ludoviciana*)

- Perennial, native to Western US
- 1'-2' tall
- Strong odor of sagebrush
- White & woolly leaves
- Alternate leaves, lobed or unlobed
- Small, tight, greenish flower clusters, blooms

August-September

- Stream edges, prairies, disturbed sites



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Prairie sagewort (*Artemisia frigida*)

- Perennial, native to Western US
- Mat forming shrub, 0.3"-1.3" tall
- Fragrant
- White or gray hairs covering leaves, finely cut
- Lower leaves have a petiole (0.5"), upper leaves cling to stem
- Small yellow flower heads, bloom July-August

