

## CUSCUTACEAE – DODDER FAMILY

**Plant:** herbs, parasitic vines

**Stem:** usually yellow or orange, non-photosynthetic, haustoria present

**Root:** no roots

**Leaves:** alternate, usually just reduced scales

**Flowers:** small, mostly white to greenish; 3,4 or 6 but mostly 5 parts (lobed);  
2 styles, 2 carpels

**Fruit:** capsule, fleshy or not

**Other:** tropical to temperate, some place in Convolvulaceae family;  
Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** *Cuscuta* – single genus, both temperate and tropical

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Cuscutaceae (Dodder Family)

Oak Openings Metropark, Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: parasitic vine; flower 5-lobed, white, with obtuse lobes; sepals united at base and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  as long as petal tube, usually without bracts; stem smooth, orange to yellow and 1+ m in length; mostly wet areas; a difficult group to ID with at least 10+ species in the NE US, this species is the most common; summer to fall

[V Max Brown, 2006]

