COWPARSNIP



HOGWEED

local plant

problematic invasive

It's spring/summer and I see white flowers, is that Hogweed?

Blooms in May - late June

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How else do you tell them apart?

Flowers

White flowers, clusters are 1' wide with 15-30 rays flat-topped



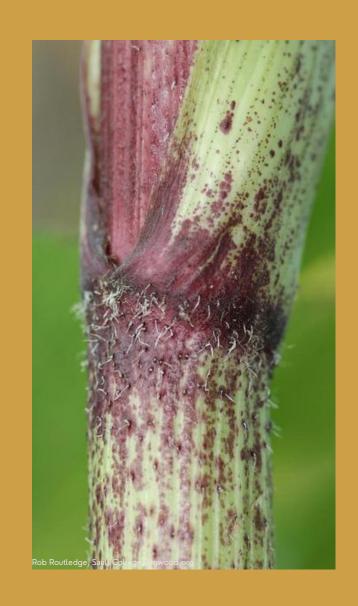


White flowers, clusters are 2.5' wide with 50-150 rays shaped like an umbrella

Stems



- Predominantlygreen (can have some purple coloring)
- 1-2" diameter
- Fine white hairs
- Green with purple splotches
- 2-4" diameter
- Hairy, coarse
 white hairs at the
 base of leaf stalks







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What harm can it do?

- Contact with this plant CAN cause a rash or burn
- You must break the plant tissue to come in contact with the toxic sap
- Contact with this plant causes severe rashes, burns, and blistering
- Just brushing up against the plant can transfer the toxic sap onto ourselves or our gear

Aren't both plants invasive?

- Evolved in this ecosystem, so it has a balance and important role
- Provides food for pollinators
- The largest member of the carrot family that evolved in U.S.
- Evolved elsewhere AND it causes harm to humans and our ecosystem so it is invasive
- Outcompetes other plants that are better food sources

I see this plant everywhere...

Cow Parsnip is widely found across Vermont, often most noticeable along roadways

Hogweed is rare in Vermont, with only a handful of confirmed locations across the state

If you suspect you've seen hogweed, please report this early detection invasive plant

REPORT IT!

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