

# Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

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**Giant Hogweed is a perennial plant and a member of the carrot family. It was introduced from southwest Asia as a garden ornamental and can grow up to 5.5 meters tall. Each plant can produce 50,000 seeds per year which can take several years to germinate and can be viable in the ground up to 15 years. Giant Hogweed can spread readily and is found along roadsides, ditches and streams. Giant Hogweed has sap which carries toxins which can cause severe dermatitis.**