

Hogweed, Giant  
*Heracleum mantegazzianum*  
Apiaceae (Carrot Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- . **Information:** Very tall, grows in moist areas.
- . **Life Cycle:** Herbaceous biennial.
- . **Root:** Large deep taproot.
- . **Leaves:** Compound leaves 10-15cm wide, palmate, underside is covered in coarse white hairs.
- . **Stems:** 2-6m tall, hollow stem, 5-10cm wide, covered in bristles and purple mottles.
- . **Flower:** Umbel, up to 75cm wide, white, 5 petaled.
- . **Seed/Fruits:** 2 wings, flat, each contains 1 seed, up to 20,000 seeds per plan.
- . **Toxicity:** Sap on skin can cause rash and blisters, cover skin when dealing with this weed.
- . **Control:** Manual, mechanical, stump treatment.