



# Woodland Angelica

*Angelica sylvestris*



## What's the problem

Woodland Angelica establishes rapidly in wet environments like riverbanks, wetlands, and ditches. It has a sap that can cause a severe reaction on your skin if exposed to sunlight (**phytotoxic sap- use caution**)

### CHARACTERISTICS

<b>Life cycle</b>	Perennial plant, in first year appears as only leaves, forms flower in second year of growth.
<b>Height</b>	1–3 m (3–9 ft)
<b>Leaves</b>	Oval shaped, finely toothed, arranged in leaflets (many leaves from one stalk)
<b>Flowers</b>	Very small white flowers, multiple flowerheads branch from the main stem to form an umbrella shape.
<b>Stem</b>	Hollow, smooth, and has a varied greenish/purplish hue throughout, appears as a gradient.
<b>Bloom Time</b>	July– September
<b>Commonly Found</b>	Found in riparian areas, field, along trails, and roadsides as well as disturbed areas.

## Key ID Features

- Flowers are clustered in a circular shape at the end of the stem
- Stem is thick and has a consistent colouring of green/purple, colour is not splotchy



## Common Look-a-Likes



Photo: Glen Mittelhauser

### Cow Parsnip (*Heracleum maximum*)

- Leaves are singular, and have distinct lobes and jagged edges (looks angry)
- Varied purple/green stem that changes more gradually, **colours not splotched or streaked**.
- Phytotoxic sap, but typically not as severe a reaction as Giant Hogweed

### Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)

- Leaves are singular and large, with **very jagged lobes and edges** (looks very angry). Form at the base of the plant and along stem.
- **Very tall plant** (~5m) with large, heavily seeded white flowerheads
- Stem is green with **splotches/drops of purple** inconsistently throughout and **sharp, spikey hair** along the entire stem



Photo: City of Portland

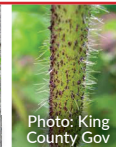


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### **VERY HAZARDOUS, DO NOT TOUCH.**

Phytotoxic sap can cause 3rd degree burns on skin.

If you observe GH, please send location and pictures of the stem, flowers and leaves to [info@nbinvasives.ca](mailto:info@nbinvasives.ca)



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