



# EASTERN UP INVASIVE: WILD PARSNIP

*Pastinaca sativa*



Photo by J.M. DiTomaso

## WHY THE CONCERN?

Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) displaces native plants or roadsides and meadows and reduces the biodiversity.

## Features of Wild Parsnip

Flowers— Looks like a large, yellow Queen Anne's lace in June and July. Flowers appear after the second year.

Stem— thick, hairy, and hollow stem supports head; thick carrot-like taproot. The sap irritates skin when exposed to sunlight.

Height— 2-5 feet tall at maturity

Leaves— leaflets are irregularly toothed (somewhat like parsley) with larger leaves at the base.



Photos by Joseph M. DiTomaso, University of California - Davis, Bugwood.org; Eike Heinze

## SKIN CONTACT WARNING

Contact with liquid from this plant and exposure to sunlight can cause severe blistering or a rash and skin discoloration. Avoid touching this plant without gloves and protective clothing. If you are exposed to the sap, immediately wash in soap and water and seek shelter from the sun.



Photo by Eike Heinze



Bay Mills Indian Community  
Biological Services  
www.baymills.org

12140 Lakeshore Dr  
Brimley, MI 49715  
906-248-3241

This publication made possible by  
the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.