

CAUTION! POISONOUS PLANTS

GIANT HOGWEED

Poisonous: Yes, do not touch this plant.

Height: 1 to 5.5 metres.

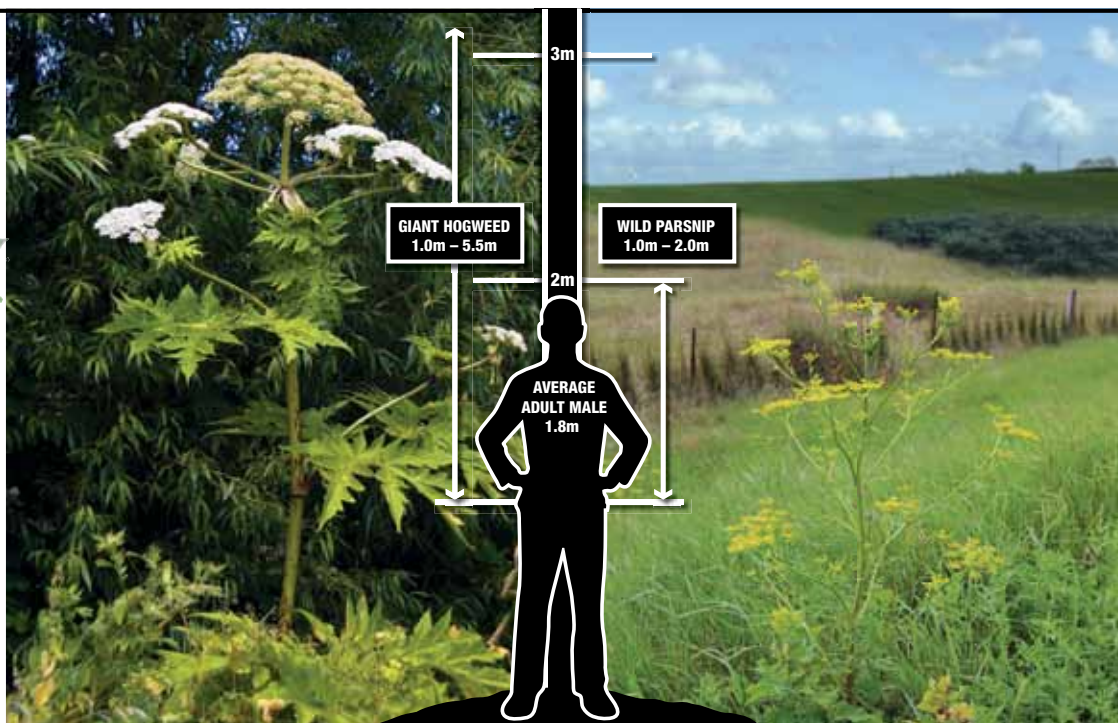
Leaves: Large, deeply cut with sharp coarse teeth, reaching widths in excess of 1 metre.

Stems: Covered in coarse, whisker-like hairs with red/purple spots.

Flowers: White, umbrella shaped, up to 1.2 metres across.



CAUTION: If you come in contact with this plant, you could experience severe burns to your skin. Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness.



WILD PARSNIP

Poisonous: Yes, do not touch this plant.

Height: 1 to 2 metres.

Leaves: Pinnately compound with 2-5 pairs of opposite, sharply toothed leaflets.

Stems: Completely smooth and reddish/green in colour.

Flowers: Yellow, umbrella shaped, 10-20 cm across. Similar in appearance to dill.



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HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF?

WHEN WORKING NEAR THESE PLANTS:

- Wear goggles, rubber gloves, rubber boots and Tyvek coveralls
- Make sure to bring a bucket, soap, water and a scrub brush, and thoroughly wash rubber boots and gloves before taking off all of your protective clothing

IF I COME INTO CONTACT WITH THESE PLANTS:

- Seek immediate shelter (exposure to sap makes human skin hypersensitive to sunlight)
- Thoroughly wash exposed skin with soap and water
- If skin reacts, seek medical attention

STILL UNSURE?

Take a photo and submit it along with its location to the online weed identification service at www.weedinfo.ca