

MUST ERADICATE!

Wild Parsnip

Pastinaca sativa

EARLY DETECTION & CONTROL WILL PREVENT INFESTATIONS!



Leaf

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Flowers

Seed heads

Wild parsnip (perennial) is often seen invading disturbed areas, road and trail sides, edges, and open areas. CAUTION! Plant sap may cause serious skin burns. It looks similar to native Golden Alexanders. However, Golden Alexander leaves grow in a palm-like pattern, have fewer leaflets and smaller, more even teeth on each leaflet.

By MN Statutes, you must prevent the spread, maturation and dispersal of any propagating parts of the plant. Additionally, transportation, propagation, or sale of these is prohibited except as allowed by Minnesota Statutes.

Identifying Characteristics:

- **Flowering stalks** may reach four feet high and resemble celery. Yellow flowers are tiny and five-petaled; arranged in flat-topped umbels, 2 – 6" wide.
- **Leaves** have 15 sharp-toothed leaflets, are feather-like, and grow alternately along both sides of a central vein. Compound leaves grow as a rosette for at least one year. It is a monocarpic perennial (one that flowers once and then dies). Leaves look similar to carrots or parsley, only much larger and broader.
- **Seed heads:** resemble garden dill; may remain viable in soil for up to 4 years.
- **Taproot:** large, edible; white, smells like a carrot

If found in

RAMSEY COUNTY

1 Take pictures and notes.

Please include the location's address, description of the surroundings, and GPS coordinates, if possible.

2 Report by

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askSWCD@ramseycounty.us

or phone
651-266-7277