

Giant Hogweed vs native Cow Parsnip

COW PARSNIP

Cow parsnip has compound leaves that are slightly rounded, looking somewhat like a green maple leaf.

White flat-topped flower clusters no larger than 1 foot wide with 15 to 30 rays per flower cluster.

Green stems ridged with fine white hairs, 1 to 2 inches in diameter.

Flowers late May to late June.

Grows to height of 3 to 6 feet when in flower.



GIANT HOGWEED

Giant Hogweed has spikey compound leaves that are tripinnate (the leaflets are themselves divided and then these divisions are divided again).

White umbrella-shaped flower clusters up to 2.5 feet wide with 50 or more rays per flower cluster.

Green stems with purple splotches and coarse white hairs – thick circle of hairs at base of leaf stalk, 2 to 4 inches in diameter.

Flowers late June to mid July.

Grows to height of 6 to 16 feet when in flower.

