

# Weed Alert! Poison hemlock



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(*Conium maculatum*)

**Mature Size** Shoulder



## Description

- 4-8 ft. perennial with flowerheads of clustered numerous small, white flowers
- Flowerheads are umbrella-shaped
- Large, carrot-like mature leaves triangular shaped in outline
- Smooth green hollow stem, usually spotted or streaked with red or purple on lower half
- Grows as a round low cluster of leaves in the first year
- Plants are poisonous and can cause contact dermatitis
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by waterways, roads, and in mud stuck to clothing and equipment
- Native to Europe



**Bloom Period** Apr - Sep

**Habitat** Chaparral, coastal prairie, marsh and swamp, riparian, disturbed areas



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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