

Japanese hedgeparsley

Torilis japonica

Description

Plant is known in Korea for its medicinal uses to treat amnesia, acidosis and scabies. The juice of the root is used in the treatment of indigestion.

Habit

Erect; annual; grows 2-4 ft (0.6-1.2 m) tall; first year rosettes are low, parsley-like, green in to the fall; taprooted.

Leaves

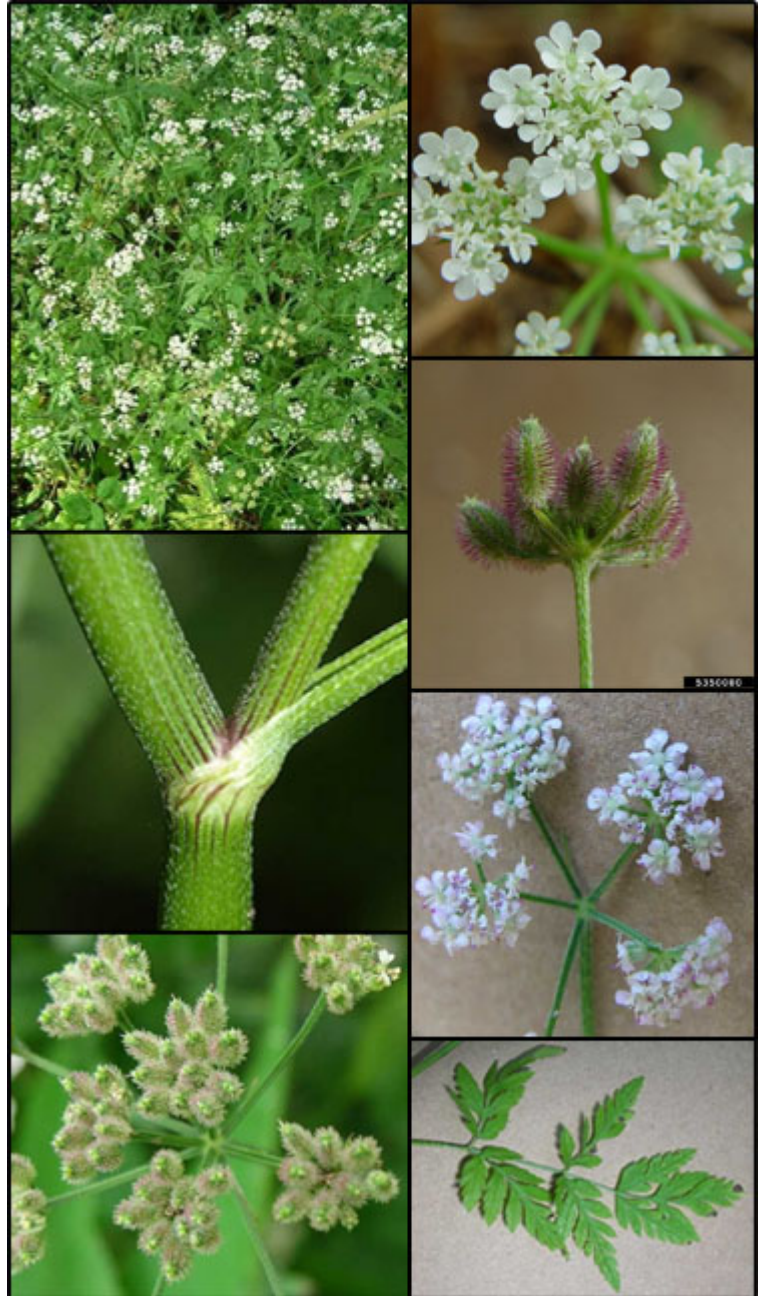
Alternate, pinnately-divided, fern-like, 2-5 in long, sometimes slightly downy.

Stems

Ridged, branched, grown from thick taproot.

Flowers

Tiny, white in color, 5 petals, clustered in small, flat-topped umbels; blooms June through





September.

Fruits and Seeds

Small, cylindrical and covered with hooked hairs.

Habitat

Native to Eurasia. Found in waste grounds, disturbed sites, thickets, roadsides, railroads.

Reproduction

By seed, which are covered with hooked hairs that attach to any fabric or fur.

Similar

Spreading hedgeparsley (*Torilis arvensis*) is very similar and invasive as well.

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pull or mow before flowering. Treat foliage with glyphosate or triclopyr in early spring and when re-sprouting after cutting; monitor the site.

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