

Java waterdropwort

Oenanthe javanica

Description

Known by a range of names, it is often grown as a ground cover plant, particularly in areas of wet soil or along ponds and streams.

Habit

Perennial, low-growing ground cover that typically grows 9-16 inches tall.

Leaves

Lush, green in color and pinnate. They resemble large flat parsley or celery foliage. Popular cultivar 'Flamingo' has white to pink edges.

Stems

Jointed, hollow and often grow spreading along the ground. Fairly brittle and can break off easily and take root.

Flowers

Tiny white flowers bloom in umbels at the ends of stalks in late summer/early autumn.

Fruits and Seeds





Form oval seeds at the top of the flowering stalks similar to other members of the carrot family.

Habitat

Native to East Asia. Found growing in damp, marshy areas.

Reproduction

By seed and vegetatively from stem fragments.

Similar

Bishop's goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*), Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*), wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*), caraway (*Carum carvi*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Chinese hemlock parsley (*Conioselinum chinense*), and native sweet cicely (*Osmorhiza* spp.).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Cutting is not recommended as plant will take root from stem fragments that contain nodes. Hand pulling small infestations may be effecting. Aquatic formulas of translocating herbicides may provide some control.

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