

# Queen of the meadow

# Filipendula ulmaria

### Description

#### Habit

Upright, clump-forming perennial of moist habitats.

#### Leaves

Pinnately compound, dark green in color, with 5 pairs of leaflets, coarsely toothed and deeply veined. Leaves are hairy and whitish on the undersides. Leaflets occur on stem between leaves.

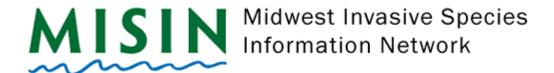
#### **Stems**

Woody at the base and typically grows 3-4 feet tall.

#### **Flowers**

Showy and fragrant. Branching panicles or cymes (erect clusters) of small, white-cream colored flowers. Individual flowers have 5 petals and numerous stamens, giving the flowers a





"fuzzy" appearance.

#### **Fruits and Seeds**

Spherical, irregular and twisting achene.

Resembles cultivated garden Nasturtium seeds.

#### **Habitat**

Native to western Asia and Europe. Found in wetlands, bogs, fens, marshes, floodplain forests, moist meadows, freshwater estuaries, wet rock ledges and roadside ditches.

### Reproduction

By seed or vegetative by rhizomes.

#### Similar

Queen of the prairie (Filipendula rubra) is a common ornamental plant native to southeastern United States. Leaves are palmately compound and flowers are pink in color.

## **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Dig up entire plant, removing entire root system. Cut or mow flowering tops prior to maturation and seed-set. Use of aquatically-approved herbicides may be effective.

#### **Credits**

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