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## 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.

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## 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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