

WILD PARSNIP

Pastinaca sativa



Mature Height	4 to 6 feet	Soil Type	Likes rich soils
Mature Spread	Colonizes	Flower Color	Yellow
Mature Form	Erect	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Green until dormant
Sun Exposure	Does not like shade	Zones	
Soil Moisture	Prefers moist		

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Wild Parsnip is not currently on the Indiana Invasive plant list but is a dangerous plant that people need to know about. When people come into contact with the sap of this plant and then are exposed to sunlight painful rashes and blisters are the result. If you are going to be near this plant be sure to wear gloves, long sleeved shirt and long pants. The plant has carrot like leaves and the yellow blooms appear flat across their top. It is a biennial plant with the first years growth being a rosette growing close to the ground. The stem is ridged in appearance. Control methods include carefully pulling young plants and cutting the root just below the soil surface with a spade or dandelion cutter. Spot spraying leaves with glyphosate is a logical chemical control.



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