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ALIEN INVADERS



WILD CHERVIL

Anthriscus sylvestris

BASIC ID

This herbaceous perennial has grooved hollow stems covered in soft hairs, and alternate fern-like leaflets with the leaf base clasping the stem. It grows 3–6' tall and blooms late May–July. White umbel flowers produce 2 long-ribbed, brown seeds with narrow antenna-like tips.

FACTS

Native to Europe and first introduced to North America in wildflower seed mixes. It grows in a variety of soil types though prefers rich, moist soils. Commonly found along roadsides and disturbed areas, it invades open forests, woodlands, fields, pastures. It displaces native vegetation.

MANAGEMENT

- Hand-pull or dig removing entire taproot.
- Mow repeatedly to prevent seed set.
- Apply herbicide to leaves prior to blooming.
- The sap can cause skin irritation.

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**CAUTION: WEAR GLOVES
WHEN PULLING.**



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