



Leaves, close to ground in spring
(resembles celery leaves)



Flowers, compound flowerets

*Wear gloves,
long pants
and long-sleeved
shirt when
handling
wild parsnip.*



Tall yellow flowers which bloom in summer
(resembles the flowers of dill weed)



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*DO NOT burn or compost wild parsnip.
Collect it into a black plastic bag and
leave it in the sun for at least a week
before disposal.*

CAN YOU IDENTIFY WILD PARSNIP?



Wild parsnip plants gone to seed



Each plant produces about a thousand seeds

Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*) is an invasive weed that has become increasingly troublesome in Ontario and throughout Prince Edward County. It is a very adaptable plant that can grow up to about 5 feet and spread in many conditions. It is found in open fields, along roadsides, hiking trails and agricultural land. The seeds are spread by wind, mowers and other equipment.

The Prince Edward County Master Gardeners urge you to familiarize yourself with this plant which can cause painful burns to the skin. The sap of the wild parsnip, once exposed to sunlight, causes the skin to itch, blister and burn, symptoms can last for several months. We are in the process of developing a plan to control wild parsnip in the county.

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