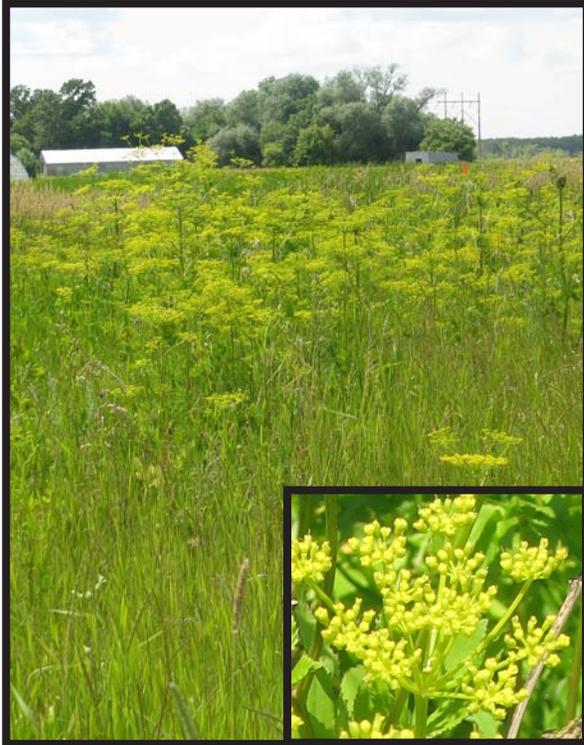


Wild parsnip

Pastinaca sativa

Minnesota C-Value: 0
Wetland Indicator Status: NI
Non-native Invasive



Basal
rosette



Furrowed
stem

Leaves: Pinnately-compound alternate leaves 3-10 in. long with 5-15 lobed and stalkless leaflets. Leaflets broad and 2-4 in. long. Lower leaves long-stalked, upper leaves short-stalked. Basal rosette 1st year.

Stems: Stout erect stem 2-5 ft tall. Stems are hollow, grooved, and angular.

Flowers and fruit: Many small yellow 5-petaled flowers form flat umbel-shaped clusters 2-6 in. wide. Fruit is small, flat, round, slightly ribbed, and straw-colored.

Plant communities: Roadsides and waste places, prairies and savannas.

Comments: Invasive from Europe. Contact with the sap can cause a sun-induced rash (Phytophotodermatitis). The native Golden alexander (*Zizia aurea*) may appear similar, but has finely-toothed leaflets with winged leaflet stems.