

Daucus carota

Queen Anne's Lace
Wild Carrot

Native to Maine

Upland

Leaves



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Look for leaves that are compound pinnate (divided into leaflets), alternate, and smooth. Leaflets are lobed and end in a sharp point. First year leaves grow as a basal rosette (circular arrangement near the ground).

LEAF ARRANGEMENT	LEAF TYPE	LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE	LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE
 ALTERNATE	 SIMPLE	 LOBED	 SMOOTH
 OPPOSITE	 COMPOUND-PALMATE	 OVAL	 TOOTHED
 ROSETTE	 COMPOUND-PINNATE	 ROUND	 WAVY

Plant



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A biennial (2-year life cycle) plant that is found in fields and pastures. It grows up to 1 m tall and flowers in its second year. First year plants are a leafy basal rosette.

Stem



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Look for hollow, round, green stems that are grooved and covered with bristly hairs. The stem is branched at the base of the plant with flower clusters at the top.

Seasonal Change



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The plant flowers from May to September. Flowers are tiny, white and grow in large clusters. When the flower turns to seed, it becomes concave like a bird's nest.

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Similar Species

Water Hemlock, a highly poisonous plant to humans, looks similar to *D. carota* (both have small white flowers in clusters at their top). Water Hemlock does not have hairy leaves and stems, nor do its roots smell like carrots like *D. carota* roots do.

Fun Fact

The fruit of Queen Anne's Lace have hooked spines that attach to clothing or animal fur to help with seed dispersal (seeds scattered in different directions). A single plant can produce 1,000 to 40,000 seeds.