

Wild chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris*)

Family name: Carrot (Apiaceae)

Native range: Europe

NJ Status: Emerging Stage 2 – Uncommon (but may be regionally common or abundant). It is *moderately threatening* to natural plant communities. All detected occurrences should be eradicated.

General description:

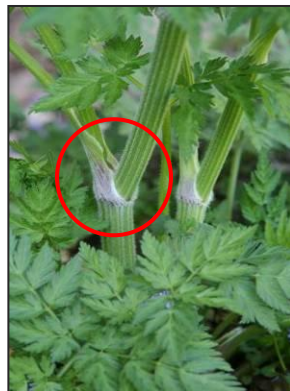
- Herbaceous biennial
- Freely branching, tap-rooted
- Up to 1' - 4' tall
- Stems are branched, hollow, hairy



Leaves:

- Alternate, pinnately compound
- Fernlike, sheathed at base
- Pinnate segments 0.5"-2" long, combined, segments are up to 1' long
- Not aromatic

Single segment



Flowers:

- Small, white, in large umbels with 6-15 rays
- Individual flowers have 5 notched petals
- Each umbel has short (up to 0.25") lance-shaped to oval-shaped bractlets
- Blooms May-July



Fruit:

- Lance-shaped, 0.25" long
- Dark, smooth, shiny
- Two seeds are joined and beaked (antennae-like tips)
- Green, turning brown



Habitat:

- Meadows, fields, roadsides, especially in moist soils
- Sun to part sun

Commercial availability: Yes

Look-alikes:

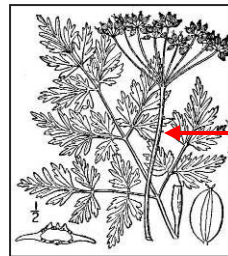
Anthriscus sylvestris has many look-alikes. Some are listed below. Fruits are helpful for ID.

Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*)

- Non-native, common in recently abandoned fields
- Seed contained in a hairy, oval pod
- Carrot-like odor



Hemlock-parsley (*Conioselinum chinense*)



- Endangered in NJ
- Native to swamps, riverbanks
- Stem smooth, unspotted

Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)

- Invasive in moist woods, floodplains
- Seeds round, ribbed
- Stems spotted



Water hemlock (*Cicuta maculata*)

- Native to wet, open areas
- Stems sometimes spotted
- Leaves lance-shaped and less finely cut leaves than wild chervil



Sweet cicely (*Osmorhiza claytonii*)

- Native, bruised roots have an anise-like odor
- Leaves divided into threes, two or three times
- Leaflets wider and less finely divided than above species

