

JAPANESE HEDGE PARSLEY

Torilis japonica



Description: Japanese hedge parsley is a biennial herb that grows 2-4 feet tall when flowering in its second year. First year rosettes are low, parsley-like and green into the fall. Leaves are alternate, fern-like, 2-5 inches long, and slightly hairy. Flowers are tiny and white and clustered in small flat-topped umbels. Fruits are small and covered with hooked hairs. Spreading hedge parsley (*T. arvensis*) is very similar and also invasive.



Native range: Eurasia (http://www.missouriplants.com/Whitealt/Torilis_japonica_page.html)



Ecological threat: This plant threatens woodlands and savannas. It tends to spread very quickly in areas high in human or animal traffic due to the fact that the fruits grab hold of nearly any fabric and any hairy appendage which happens to be exposed.

Current North American Range: Japanese hedge parsley is currently observed throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. It is also seen in northern Missouri and into southern Ontario.

Current Midwest general distribution, including southern Ontario Not Known Isolated Locally Abundant Widespread

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MANAGEMENT OPTIONS: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/invasives/fact/hedgeparsley.htm>)

Mechanical methods

Pull or mow prior to flowering to help reduce seed spread. Remember to monitor site for additional seedlings.

Chemical methods

Treating foliage with glyphosate or triclopyr is effective if done early in the spring or on resprouts after cutting.

For more information on control and management of this species, please visit the following Web sites: www.usda.plants.gov, www.nps.gov/plants/alien/factmain.htm, tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/comtrol.html, dnr.wi.gov/invasives/plants.htm, www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/main.shtml, <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact/pope1.htm>

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