



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)



## CAN YOU IDENTIFY WILD PARSNIP?

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<https://niagaramastergardeners.wordpress.com>

*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.*



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 the Niagara region. 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 Niagara 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 Niagara.

You can reach us at: [niagara@mgoi.ca](mailto:niagara@mgoi.ca) or call our Hotline at 905-646-2818

To report an infestation of Wild Parsnip in Ontario Please Call Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711

Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program: [www.invadingspecies.com/](http://www.invadingspecies.com/)