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Poison Hemlock

Conium maculatum L.



Also known as poison parsnip, snakeroot, false parsley

Quick ID:

- ◆ May grow to be 6 to 8 feet tall, roots with horizontal chambers
- ◆ Leaves are fern-like in appearance
- ◆ Stem grows erect and stout with purple spots at all growth stages
- ◆ Foliage has a strong musty odor

Habitat:

- ◆ Grows along borders of pastures and cropland
- ◆ Does well in poorly drained soils
- ◆ Is frequently found along stream banks and ditches

How It Got Here:

- ◆ A biennial native to Europe

Reasons for Concern:

- ◆ All Plant Parts Are Poisonous Including The Taproot
- ◆ Humans have been poisoned by mistaking the plant for parsley