

Common Name	General	Stems	Leaves	Flowers	Fruits	Impacts	Status
Poison Hemlock	Tall (2-3m), glabrous, purple-blotched stems with a strong, unpleasant odor.	Purple/Reddish spots, hairless	Fern/feather-like and finely divided, with sheathing leaf stalks, low-rosette in first year.	Small white-greenish flowers in umbrella-shaped clusters (compound umbels).	Smooth, egg-shaped, with prominent wavy ribs.	Highly toxic.	Invasive
Wild Parsnip (Common Parsnip)	Distinct parsnip smelling with stout stems and a thick taproot, up to 2m tall.		large basal leaves and cleft leaflets, mitten-shaped terminal leaflet.	Bright yellow flowers in broad umbels.	Flat, elliptical, and smooth.	Poisonous (leaves/steams contain skin irritant/toxin)	Invasive
Queen Anne's Lace (Wild Carrot)	Coarse, often hairy plant with a thick white taproot.		Fernlike and finely divided into narrow segments, attached to sheaths which clasp stem.	White umbels with a single dark purple flower in the center (not always present)	Spiny, egg-shaped, curling inward to form a "bird's nest."	Generally non-toxic but can cause mild irritation in some people.	Invasive
Wild Chervil (Cow parsley)	Slender, sparsely hairy to smooth plant with branching stems. 1m tall	Ribbed/furrowed, hairs on lower stem	Triangular, finely divided, and reduced toward the top.	Small white flowers in umbels near upper leaves.	Long, slender, and glabrous with a short beak.	Poisonous	Invasive
Caraway	Leaves finely divided and needle-like along stem, Aromatic herb; seeds used in cooking	Hariless, glossy	Compound, divided 2-3x into thin threadlike sections, petioles sheath-like at main stem, tiny leaves leaf meets stem	White, tiny flowers where umbel joins stems	crescent-shaped, about 3mm long, and have a distinctive, pungent, anise-like flavor and aroma, Fruit is technically a schizocarp		Invasive
Bur Chervil	About 0.6m tall and seeds covered in tiny velcro-like burrs- no bracts.		Triangular	White, no bracts surround umbel of flowers	Fruits are burr-like schizocarps, aiding in dispersal		Invasive
Giant Hogweed	Very large, tall plant with thick stems and purple blotches.	Purple spots (more raised and bumpy), stiff white hairs, hollow	Huge (3-5ft wide), divided, and coarse with hairy ribs on underside.	Large white flower clusters up to 50 cm wide.	Rounded and blunt at the base.	Sap can cause severe skin burns (Phototoxic)	Invasive
Goutweed (Ground elder)	Ornamentals varied, common in gardens, grows in dense mats		Toothed, divided into 3 narrow leaflets, pointed at tips with serrated edges	White umbels			Invasive

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Common Yarrow	Aromatic perennial with slender stems and rhizomatous growth, grows low to ground, very common in Kootenays						Native
Cow Parsnip	Tall, coarse perennial herb (1–3m) with thick, ridged, often greenish stems.	Can have purple spots/blotches	Huge, maple-like leaves up to 1 m wide, divided into 3 broad, toothed segments.	Large white flower clusters (compound umbels) up to 30 cm across.	Flat and oval with broad, low ribs and dark oil ducts.	Native but; may cause skin irritation in sunlight (phototoxic)	Native
Sharptooth / Lyall's Angelica	Tall perennial herb with a stout taproot. Grows in alpine/subalpine areas. Flowers sometimes greenish-white		Divided multiple times with large, sometimes hairy leaflets.	White to pinkish umbels with few large clusters.	Smooth and narrowly winged.		Native
Hemlock Water-parsnip	Moist-area plant with ridged, hollow stems. Grows in alpine/subalpine areas. Flowers sometimes greenish-white	Finely divided, lance-shaped to linear with toothed edges.		Small white umbels with reflexed bracts.	Oval and ribbed.		Native
Douglas' Water Hemlock	Stout plant with thick, chambered rootstock. 1-2m tall. One of North America's most poisonous plants (Cicutoxin in roots)	Sharply toothed leaflets with veins ending at the teeth.		White clusters forming compound umbels.	Corky, rounded, and unevenly ribbed.	Very poisonous.	Native
Canby's Lovage	Densely flowered umbels. Often found in moist mountain habitats.	No bracts where umbel meets stem	Compound, twice divided, leaflets deeply cleft- parsley like	White		Native	