

IDENTIFYING GIANT HOGWEED

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



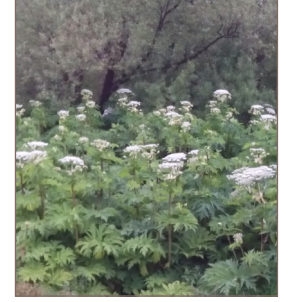
SPRING:

At the start of the growing season, giant hogweed plants are small. They have serrated leaves with purple, hairy bristles underneath.



SUMMER:

In summer, giant hogweed grows to up to 5m in height. It has hollow blotchy purple stems 5-10cm in diameter with sharp bristles, dark green leaves reaching 3m in diameter. The underside is hairy and the plant has umbrella shaped white flowers.



WINTER:

The plant dies back in winter, leaving round, hollow canes. The seeds can still be intact on the head of the plant, which will allow the plant to spread elsewhere when the seeds are blown off. The seeds are viable for anything up to 5 years.



IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE GIANT HOGWEED

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