

PARSLEY FAMILY

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Wild Carrot Queen Ann's Lace.

Daucus carota.

Very common by the wayside and in dry fields, blooming from July through September.



The round stalk, from 2 to 3 feet high, coarse in fibre, and roughened by short hairs, is light yellow-green in color.

The leaf has a very fringed effect, being much cut up into long narrow lobes; the surface is roughened; and the short foot-stem widens into a leafy, clasping sheath. The yellowish-green, alternate leaves are few, and far between.

The petal-like parts of the small clustered flowers are unequal in size and number,—three or four of the outer flowers in each cluster are larger than the rest; the color is white, with tiny yellow-tipped stamens.



The flowers have pale green foot-stems, and grow in flat-topped clusters, each cluster being set around at the foot with a green leafy fringe. In the center of the cluster is often found a single dark purple flower.

Though the growth is sprangly, and the stem coarse, yet the flower is delicate with a lace-like quality. The seed-stems, curling inward, form a hollow, nest-like cup, from which characteristic it is often called the "Bird's-nest plant." It is deemed a great pest by farmers.

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