

GIANT HOGWEED (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
Class A Noxious Weed



Robust perennial from Eurasia with large, flat-topped, umbrella-shaped white flower clusters on stout, ridged, purple-blotched, hollow stems. Grows to 15 feet tall when in flowers. Flowers May to July.

A public health hazard, the sap can cause severe blistering and scarring of the skin. Scarring can be permanent. Also invades native forests and degrades habitat.

Typically found in urban parks, vacant lots, ornamental gardens and ravines. Most prevalent in urban King County.



The goal for giant hogweed in King County is to alert the public to health hazards and to eradicate the weed wherever infestations are found.

RESULTS FOR 2009

Data was gathered for 816 giant hogweed sites in 2009. Of these, 98% of the sites and 98% of the area was controlled for the year (no seed production). Overall, 66% of all sites surveyed since 1996 are now dormant (none seen for 3 or more years).

Giant Hogweed Results: 1999 to 2009

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number with area >0	480	482	438	439	440	264	342	353	327	282	202
Number Surveyed	753	906	893	925	956	810	974	1084	885	909	816
Number Controlled	682	779	807	855	865	722	901	1059	876	900	803
Number Dormant (> 3 years)	0	97	157	245	331	441	648	825	929	1039	1122
Number New	198	175	112	125	110	55	85	108	75	55	33
Cumulative Sites	759	935	1046	1169	1279	1345	1425	1536	1610	1664	1698

GRAPHS

