

Wild Carrot, *Daucus carota*



Identification: Two- to four-foot biennial. Remains a rosette the first year, and flowers the second. Stems are erect and hollow, with stiff hairs. Leaves are alternate, stalked near base and sessile above; twice-pinnately compound with short hairs. Tiny white flowers grow in flat-topped umbels. Strong carrot odor.

Habitat: Roadsides, pastures, waste areas

Animals Affected: All livestock

Toxin Family: Neurotoxin, photosensitization

Other: Toxic only if large quantities are eaten. May be a skin irritant also. Graze infested areas only if abundant forage is available or late in the season and avoid grazing during the “toxic window”.