

Non-native Species Alert

Giant Hogweed *Heracleum mantegazzianum*

Found on riverbanks, waste ground, by canals and road sides.



Identification features (summer):

Stem: Up to 5 metres high, 10cm diameter, usually with sharp bristles.

Leaves: Large sharply divided leaves.

Flowers: White (rarely pinkish) large round flat clusters of flowers up to 80cm diameter.



DANGER WARNING !

Contact with ANY part of this plant must be avoided as even tiny amounts of sap can cause blistering of the skin following exposure to sunlight.



IF you come into contact with the plant, protect from sunlight, wash skin immediately with soap and water and seek medical attention as it can result in skin burns, blisters or blindness. Please also keep pets safe and away from this plant.