

Information Sheet 1A - Invasive Plant Species Identification (INNS)

- Species that impact our rivers and native species



Himalayan balsam (up to 2m height, hexagonal stem, three-leaves per whorl, pink sweet-smelling flower)



Japanese knotweed: (cane stem, zigzag branchlets, heart- shaped leaf)



Giant hogweed (>3m+ (10') tall, jaggedly shaped leaves

Do not touch – harmful to health

(please see the information sheet 1B)



New Zealand Pygmy Weed (small narrow paired leaves - underwater or in margins)



Water fern (floating on surface with small fern-like leaves)



Floating Pennywort (floating in rafts, waxy leaves approx. 5cm (2") diameter max)

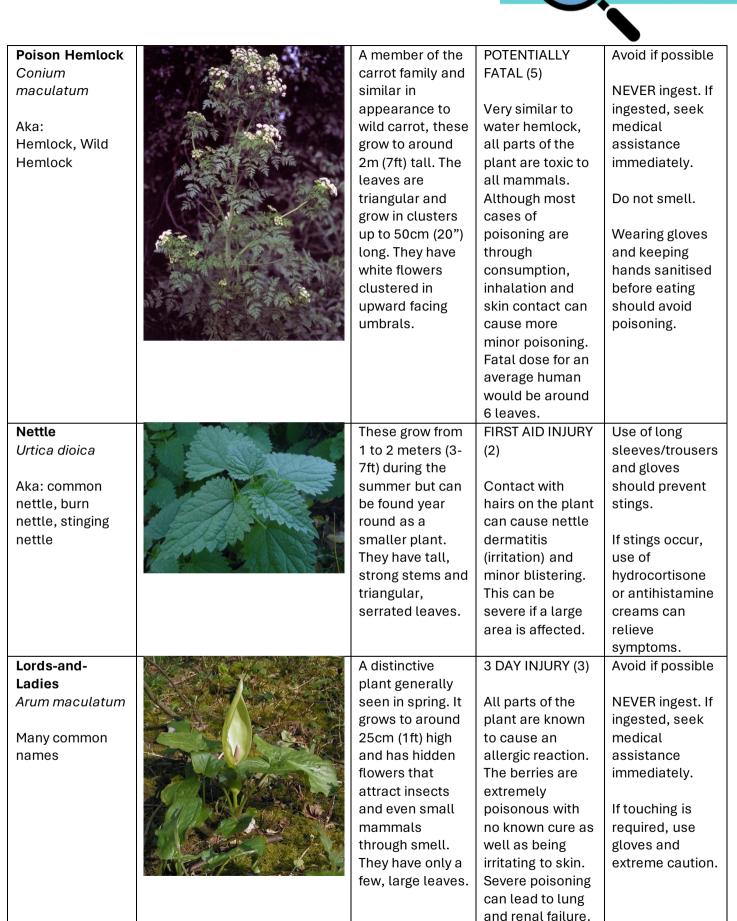


Information Sheet 1B – Potentially Harmful Plants Identification and Risk Assessment

- Species that can impact your health

Species	Image	Description	Hazard (S)	Mitigation
Giant Hogweed		A large plant that	POTENTIALLY	Avoid if possible
Heracleum		can grow to over	DISABLING (5)	
mantegazzianum		3.5m (12ft). It is		Thoroughly wash
		related to cow	The sap contains	affected area
		parsley and	furanocoumarins.	with COLD water
		carrot and looks	When in contact	and soap as
		very similar, with	with skin these	soon as possible
		a thick, bristled stem that is often	can cause photodermatitis/	Keep affected
		blotched with	photosensitivity	area away from
		purple	leading to burns,	sunlight/UV light
		colouration,	lesions, scaring	for at least 48
	***	large fern like	and in very severe	hours.
		leaves and white	cases death.	nouro.
		flowers held in		Steroids can be
		upward facing	Native hogweed	used if
	UGA1151083	umbrals	(Heracleum	symptoms
		(clusters) each	sphondylium) is	persist.
		up to 60cm (2ft)	very similar and	
		across. Its whole	can also cause	If eyes are
		span can be over	irritation but not	affected, wash
		2m (7ft).	to the same	immediately and
			severity.	wear
				sunglasses.
Water Dropwort		These grow to	POTENTIALLY	Avoid if possible
Oenanthe		around 1.5m (5ft)	FATAL (5)	NEVED in sect 16
crocata	A COLUMN TO THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O	tall with stems of	All parts of the	NEVER ingest. If
Aka:		around 3.5cm	All parts of the	ingested, seek medical
Hemlock Water		(2"). The leaves are triangular	plant are extremely toxic.	assistance
Dropwort,		and up to 2cm	Although	immediately.
Dead Man's		(1") long. They	poisonings are	miniodiatoty.
Fingers		smell somewhat	rare, many that	Wearing gloves
		of parsley. The	occur are fatal.	and keeping
		flowers are white		hands sanitised
		and held in		before eating
		spherical		should avoid
		umbrals on		poisoning.
		stalks of around		
		7cm (3"),		
		flowering in		
		June/July.		







FoxgloveDigitalis spp.



A genus of tall flowers, often growing up to 1.5m (5ft), they have distinctive downward facing flowers, often purple or white. Their leaves are triangular and spaces evenly spaced out along the thick stem

POTENTIALLY FATAL (5)

All foxglove species are toxic to all mammals, some severely so. Although poisoning generally occurs through ingestion, skin contact can also cause poisoning in some cases. Poisoning can cause a slowing of the heart to the point of death. However, death from foxglove poisoning is very rare. The whole plant is toxic.

Do not touch with bare skin.

Do not consume.

If consumed, immediately seek medical assistance as there are drugs that can assist.