

Weed Information Sheet:



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honewort

Cryptotaenia canadensis

AKA:

Apiaceae (Carrot family)

Identification:

Perennial forb

Height: 12-30" Width: 12-18"

Leaf Arrangement: alternate

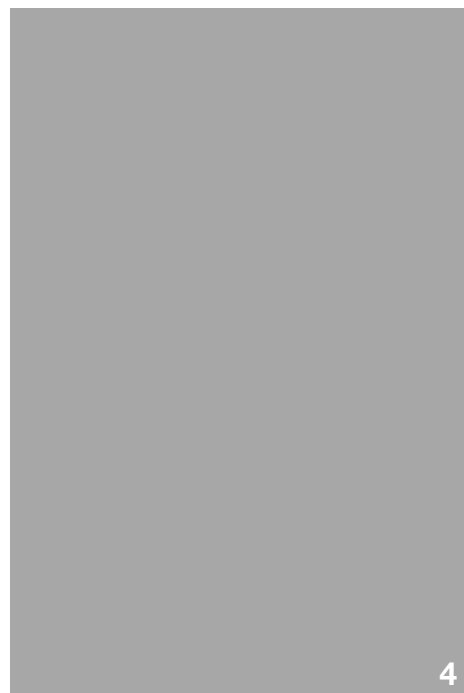
Flower: White

Blooms: Early spring to Late spring

Fruit:

Fall Color: Green

Wood avens has leaves that divide into 3 leaflets. These leaflets themselves sometimes are deeply divided, and have roughly serrated margins. Basal leaves are more rounded, while leaves on bolting flower stalks are more elongated. Flowers are white, blooming from late spring into early summer. IN late summer and fall the fruits form, which are curved, elongated black structures that persists even as the the plants go dormant and leaves fall-off in the fall.



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Habitat: Most common in degraded woodlands, also found in riparian areas, upland woodland and forest, especially along trail sides, slopes and waste areas.



Description & Impact:

Overall this native plant is weedy, but pretty harmless. It can sometimes become over abundant in degraded woodlands and shady gardens. However it is also a component of higher quality woodland where it seems to fit in with other native plants unobtrusively.

Control Methods:

In gardens, these weak-rooted plants can be hand pulled or dug. When large colonies form in woodland areas, I recommend simply mowing when they are in bloom, or carefully herbicided with a low-concentration application of glyphosate either early in the spring or in fall.

Citations: <https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/woodland/plants/honestwort.htm>