*Anthriscus sylvestris*, Wild Chervil

The Wild Chervil is native to Europe and is easily transported and spread by vehicles, people, animals, and wind. The plant grows aggressively, often outcompeting the surrounding vegetation.

**Description:** Wild Chervil can grow to four feet tall. The stems are hollow and covered in hairs, with alternate, compound leaves that have a fern-like appearance. The flowers of this plant are white and have five notched pedals.

**Control:** Methods for control include mowing, tilling, and digging. All require repetition and removal of the entire root system, which may be difficult due to the depths the roots can reach.

**Look-alikes:** Several plants in the carrot/parsley family look similar to the Wild Chervil. Some of the ones that are hard to distinguish include Bur Chervil (*Anthriscus caucalis*), Rough Chervil (*Chaerophyllum temulum*), Poison-hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), and the Wild carrot/Queen Anne’s lace (*Daucus carota*).

**Flower Time and Description:** This plant blooms from April to May with small white flowers that grow in 3 inch wide umbels.