

# Identifying Wild Chervil 2<sup>nd</sup> ed- A new invader in Vermont

It looks like Queen Anne's Lace BUT:

- Has branching stems.
- Has triangular, ferny leaves. Queen Anne's leaves are more delicate and plume-like.
- Blooms earlier – mid-May to mid-June in VT.
- Flowerheads are rounded, not flat.
- No purple floret at center of bloom.
- Taller. Averages 3', but grows to 7'
- Quickly forms dense stands that choke out other vegetation.



*Arthriscus sylvestris*



- ◆ Wild Chervil is taking over roadsides, fields, pastures and edges of woodlands in Vermont.
- ◆ Dark green ferny rosettes first thing in the spring shoot up into branching flowering stalks by mid-May.
- ◆ By early June millions of seeds are forming.
- ◆ July through fall, ugly black skeletons remain.

**PREVENT** its spread by following the suggestions on the handout :

**Wild Chervil Control in Vermont**

See *Plants Which Resemble Wild Chervil* at <http://www.rherald.com/common/Chervill.html> for pictures & descriptions of 10 other plants which look like chervil.