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Heracleum maximum

Cow Parsnip



A highly ornamental native plant, typically found in moist soils. Grows tall with a large lacy flat-topped flower. The large compound leaves are also visually striking. The seed heads are attractive and continue this plant's strong statement through summer and into fall.

Suggested Companions: moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*), Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), ironweed (*Vernonia missurica*), bottlebrush grass (*Elymus hystrix*)

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 3-7' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Rich Moist
Average Garden Soil
Very Damp/Wet

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
May
June

Other Attributes:
Winter interest

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Forested Upland
Wet Meadow
Floodplains

Exposure: filtered
shade

Plant in:

Groundcover: No