



## *Heracleum mantegazzianum*

### **Common Name(s):**

giant hogweed

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Features:**

A biennial or perennial herb, up to 5 m tall; with a taproot or fascicled fibrous root; stems hollow; leaves compound with 3 leaflets, lower ones to 2.5m long; inflorescence, loose compound umbels; flowers small, perfect; fruit a schizocarp (splitting between the carpels) into two 1-seeded sections (mericarps); the mericarps are elliptical, 7-12 mm long, 6-10 mm broad, with brown oil tubes (vittae) conspicuously expanded at their lower ends (up to 1 mm wide).

### **Fruiting:**

Mericarps 10 mm long with conspicuous oil canals (vittae) - see Flora of NZ 4: 123, Fig 12

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