

# THE EARTHWORM

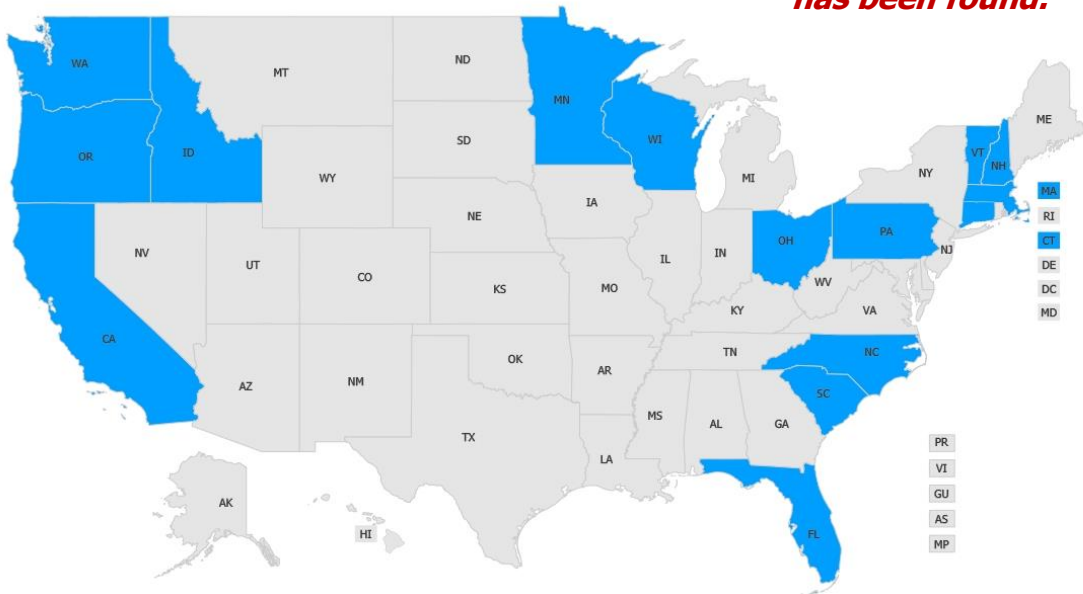
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This **special edition** of the Earthworm is being published to inform everyone about the hazards of a new invasive plant that is spreading through out the country. Past President Laura Jary has taken the time to assemble information about the threat, namely the **GIANT-HOG WEED**.

*States where the plant  
has been found.*



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# GIANT HOGWEED

**Poisonous:** Yes, do not touch this plant.

**Height:** 1 to 5.5 metres.

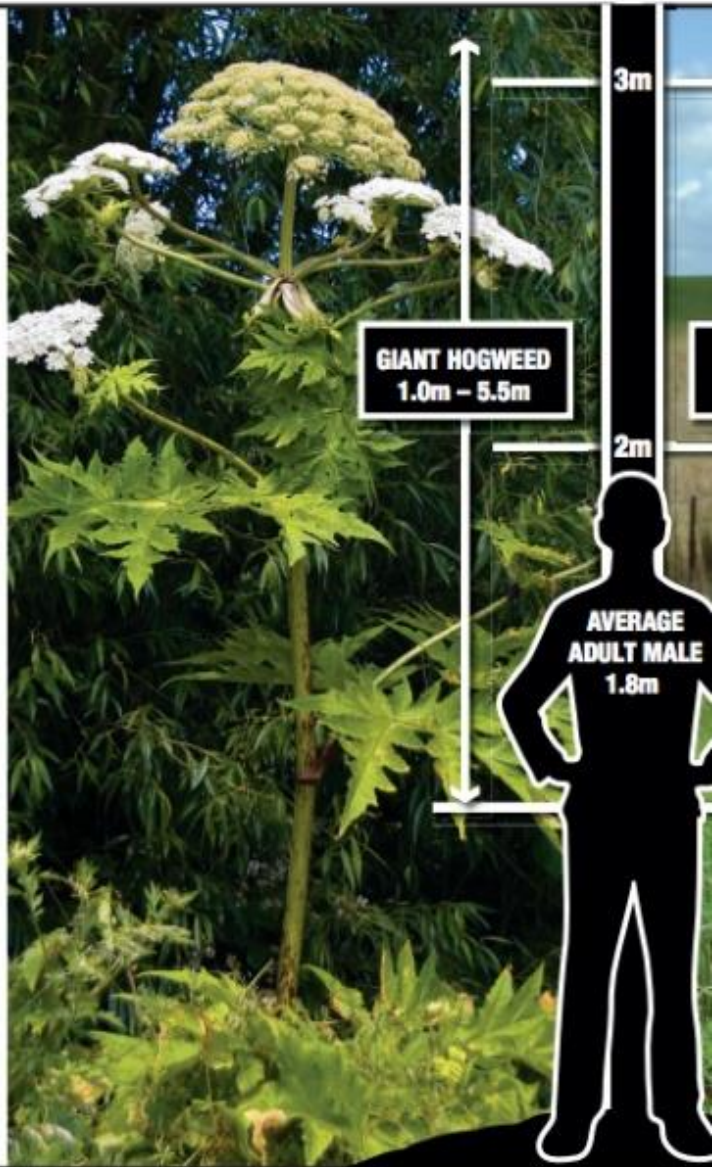
**Leaves:** Large, deeply cut with sharp coarse teeth, reaching widths in excess of 1 metre.



**Stems:** Covered in coarse, whisker-like hairs with red/purple spots.

**Flowers:** White, umbrella shaped, up to 1.2 metres across.

**CAUTION:** If you come in contact with this plant, you could experience severe burns to your skin. Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness.



## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Numerous small white flowers, clustered into an umbrella shape up to 1 metre across.

Large size ranging from 1 - 6 metres.

Sharply-cut, lobed leaves up to two metres across.

Prickly, purple-spotted stem with coarse white hairs, up to 10 cm in diameter.

Often found in ditches and near streams.



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