

New Wild Caraway Bylaw

Wild Caraway (*Carum carvi*) also known as Common Caraway has been elevated to a noxious weed in the Crowsnest Pass. It is the property owner or occupiers' responsibility to control this noxious plant and prevent further spread of its seeds.

Wild Caraway is a biennial plant, meaning it grows a low-lying rosette the first year and then shoots up to a flowering plant in its second year.

The rosette can be confused with native yarrow or wild carrot because it has finely divided leaves that appear fern-like. In its second year, the stems are usually glossy, grow up to 90 cm tall and are branched in the upper portion of the plant. The flowers form in umbel shaped clusters growing on long stalks. This weed flowers from May- August and the flowers have 5 heart-shaped petals that appear pale pink to white in colour.



This plant is native to Eurasia and was brought to Canada for cultivation, it has since escaped and become established as an invasive species in some parts of Alberta. Here in the Crowsnest Pass we have the opportunity to keep this plant under control by repeated hand-pulling and cutting down the plant before seed set. The seeds are evenly ribbed, 3 mm long which break into 2 single-seeded segments.

This plant is very delicate once seeds have been produced so if seeds are present, the best practice is to place a bag overtop of the plant and close tightly around the stem to avoid dropping any seeds.



If you believe you have some rosettes growing in your yard or if you have seen any of these invasive plants in the Crowsnest Pass, please contact the Agriculture and Environmental Department through our reporting website [Omnigo Software - Online Reporting Main](#).

Alberta CAP and EFP Programs



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