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Sium latifolium

GREATER WATER PARSNIP is a perennial. Native to Britain it has many small white flowers.

It is also known as *Breitblättriger Merk* (German), Broad-leaved water parsnip, Great water parsnip, *Grosser Merk* (German), *Märke* (Swedish), *Sevlák potoční* (Czech), *Sevlák širolistý* (Czech), *Sumpf-Merk* (German), *Vattenmärke* (Swedish), Water hemlock, Water parsnip, and Wideleaf waterparsnip.

Warning – greater water parsnip is potentially poisonous both for humans and animals.

Greater water parsnip is considered to be threatened in the wild in Britain.

Latifolium is made up of Latin *lati-* (broad, wide) and *-folia* (leaved) components.

The stems and leaves of this potentially poisonous plant are believed to be harmless for oxen and pigs but if eaten by cows it can impart a disagreeable taste to milk.