Pacific Water-parsley

*Oenanthe sarmentosa*

- Pacific water-parsley thrives in wet places and has leaves that are similar in appearance to parsley; hence its common name.
- Pacific water-parsley develops colonies with strong rhizomatous root systems that help to hold the soil in place in wet areas.

Landscape Value

Pacific water-parsley is a common wild plant in wet seeps and along small creeks in native forests. Insignificant white flowers appear in very early spring and are followed by a mass of growth through summer, which dies back in winter.

A good choice for partial to full shade wetland ponds or creeks, Pacific water-parsley provides critical breeding habitat for amphibians including our Northwestern salamander and the threatened red-legged frog.

Grows easily with slough sedge, yellow pond-lily, water smartweed, buckbean, cotton grass, spike-rush, and many other wetland sedges and rushes.

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