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# Goutweed

*Aegopodium podagraria*



This ground cover is 1-2' tall and is considered **severely invasive** in Maine.

- Leaves are compounded in 3s, and can be medium green or variegated with white margins.
  - Flowers resemble those of the carrot family, tiny white flowers on top of a 2-3" stalk.
  - Roots are fleshy and long white rhizomes that aggressively grow and colonize new sites.
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## HOW TO CONTROL:

- Dig rhizomes, and cut flower heads, then bag plant parts to prevent spread. Monitor and repeat.
- Hand-pulling will not extract the deeply growing rhizomes. Dispose of rhizomes and flower heads in bags in trash to prevent spread. Repeated excavation will be required.
- Covering with tarps in spring to deplete carbohydrates may succeed if left covered all season. Covering in mid- or late-summer is less effective.
- Apply glyphosate as a foliar spray on young, leafy growth, either early in spring, or on regrowth after mowing. Multiple treatments may be required.

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# Sources

## Goutweed

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<https://www.invasive.org/weedcd/pdfs/wgw/goutweed.pdf>;

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## Controls

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Gardener Ben video identification and control (3:36)

