

## Carrot Family

### **APIACEAE (OR UMBELLIFEREAE)**

The name Umbellifereae comes from the Latin word meaning "umbrellas." Plants in the carrot family have flowers that look like little umbrellas.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Some members of the carrot family, such as wild parsnip and giant hogweed, can burn your skin. With the help of ultraviolet light from the sun, chemicals found in the green leaves, stems, and fruits of these plants can break down skin tissue, make the skin red, and cause blisters.

An illustration of a doctor in a white coat and stethoscope examining a young boy's leg. The boy is wearing a green shirt and blue shorts. The doctor is pointing to a red, blistered area on the boy's lower leg. A speech bubble from the boy says, "Look at my skin! These blisters hurt!". Another speech bubble from the doctor says, "Maybe you touched wild parsnip or giant hogweed a day or so ago. Your skin will stop hurting soon, but it may stay discolored for a while."

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## MEMBERS OF THE CARROT FAMILY

There are more than 3,000 species in the carrot family.

(Click on a plant for more information.)

