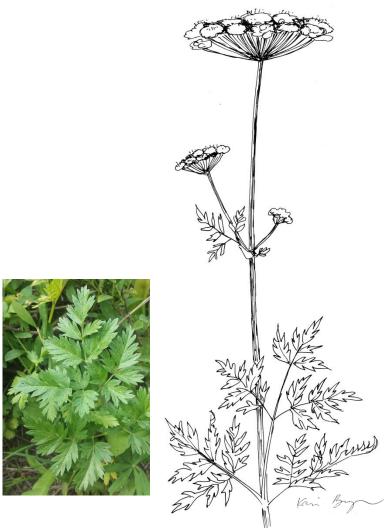
Gray's Lovage

Ligusticum grayi



Plant and Leaves:

- Plant 8-24 inches (20-60 cm) tall
- Leaves mostly basal; divided into leaflets with narrowly pointed lobes; carrot-like

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Budding:

 Small white-pinkish buds, clustered in groups of 20-50 at the end of an umbel (upside down umbrella)



Flowering:

- An umbel with many white flowers with 7-10 rays each
- One stalk holds 1 or 2 umbels



Ripening Fruit:

- Green pod- or seed-like structures replace each flower; many pods on each the umbel
- Fruits look like anise or fennel seeds – which isn't surprising because they are all in the same plant family!



Releasing Seed:

- Green pods turn brown and split open length-wise
- Fruits fall off leaving a white, lacey, hair-like structure

NOTE It is common for individual Ligusticum stalks to have multiple phenophases – make careful observations & be sure to consider which phenophases are present <u>and</u> absent.