

# Gray's Lovage

*Ligusticum grayi*



## 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 and absent.