# Water Celery

***Oenanthe javanica***



*Water Celery foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Water Parsley, Java Dropwort

**Description:**

This parsley relative produces beautiful, lacy foliage that is light green, that may be dappled with pink; grown for foliage, flowers are not showy; control by clipping back runners; excellent for hanging baskets or containers; prefers moist site

**Ornamental Features**

Water Celery's attractive crinkled ferny leaves remain light green in color throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

**Landscape Attributes**

Water Celery is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Water Celery is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Bog Gardens

**Planting & Growing**

Water Celery will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.