

**COMMON NAME:**

MONKSHOOD

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**

ACONITUM COLUMBIANUM

**ALSO CALLED:** WESTERN MONKSHOOD, COLUMBIA MONKSHOOD, BLUEWEED, FRIAR'S CAP, WESTERN MONKSHOOD ACONITE, AND WOLFBANE

**FLOWER COLOR:** BLUE

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT:** ALTERNATE ON ENDS OF BRANCHES USUALLY A DOZEN OR MORE LARGE BLUE FLOWERS

**FLOWERING TIME:** JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

**LEAVES:** LARGE DARK GREEN DROOPING LEAVES DEEPLY LOBED AND SERRATED AND PROTRUDING OUT FROM THE PLANT AT INTERVALS ALL THE WAY ROUND THE STALK.

**POISONOUS:** EXTREMELY

**NORMAL SIZE:** 4' TO 8'

**NORMAL ELEVATION:** 6000' TO 8000'

**HABITATION:** ALONG BANKS OF SPRING FED STREAMS.

**ABUNDANCE:** RARE

**NOTABLE DETAILS:** TALL HERBACEOUS PLANT WITH LARGE LEAVES AND BLUE FLOWERS.

**SPECIAL INTEREST:** EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL AND EXTREMELY POISONOUS, SO MUCH SO, THAT ITS LEAVES SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED BY SMALL CHILDREN.