Plant Propagation Protocol for Lomatium macrocarpum

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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TAXONOMY		
Plant Family		
Scientific	Apiaceae/Umbelliferae (1)	
Name		
Common	Carrot (1)	
Name		
Species		
Scientific		
Name		
Scientific	Lomatium macrocarpum (1)	
Name		
Varieties		
Sub-species		
Cultivar		
Common		
Synonym(s)	COMA12	Cogswellia macrocarpa (Nutt. ex Torr. & A. Gray) M.E. Jones
	FEMA	Ferula macrocarpa Hook. & Arn.
	LOMAA	Lomatium macrocarpum (Nutt. ex Torr. & A. Gray) J.M. Coult. & Rose var. artemisiarum Piper
	LOMAE	Lomatium macrocarpum (Nutt. ex Torr. & A. Gray) J.M. Coult. & Rose var. ellipticum (Torr. & A. Gray) Jeps.

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	(1)			
Common Name(s)	Bigseed biscuitroot (1)			
Species Code (as per USDA	LOMA3 (1)			
Plants database)				
uatabase)		GENERAL INFORMATION		
Geographical	Central to N	Northwestern US and into Canada. (1)		
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	Symbol: LO	MA3 USDA-NRCS-NGCE POWERED BY		
Ecological	Grasslands of great plains. Open, dry, rocky areas. Arid, rocky, exposed			
distribution	regions. (1)	regions. (1)		
Climate and	Low elevat	Low elevation. (1)		
elevation				
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Plant strategy type / successional stage Plant characteristi cs	Perennial herb, half a meter long, hairy, gray-green herbage. Leaves up to 24 cm long, intricately divided into small, narrow segments. Inflorescence bears umbrel of yellowish, purple or white flowers. Fruit is compressed disc about 2 cm long. Blooms March-May. Flowers are hermaphroditic. (3)						
	PROPAGATION DETAILS						
Ecotype							
Propagation Goal	Plant						
Propagation Method	By Seed: best sown as soon as it is ripe in a cold frame. Stored seed can be rather slow to germinate, when sown in spring it usually takes at least 12 months to germinate. Giving it a period of cold stratification might reduce this time. The seedlings need to be pricked out into individual pots as soon as they are large enough to handle, and should be planted out into their permanent positions in the summer. Fresh seed can be sown immediately in situ. Division may be possible in spring or autumn.						
Product Type	Container (1)						
Stock Type							
Time to Grow	Weeks (1)						
Target Specificatio ns	Well-developed crowns, roots and rhizomes filling soil profile in container. (1)						
Propagule Collection Instructions	Can be wild harvested. Seed can sell for \$20-30/lb. Find a native stand, source identify seed with latitude/longitude and local ecotype. Closer gathered to restoration site the better. Usually gather large quantities at one time, 500-600 lbs. Get permit or permission from whomever owns land. Harvest 10-20% of stand, leave rest, knock seed heads to ground to assist reseeding. (13)						
Propagule Processing/P ropagule	Clean seed, pop seed head off, clean with series of combines and screens, hardware screen specifically. (13)						
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	This plant benefits from 40-95 days of cool/moist stratification in order to break dormancy. (1) Not difficult to germinate. (12)						
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops Establishment Phase	Prefers well drained soil. Cannot grow in shade. (1)						

Details	
Length of Establishme nt Phase	Takes a long time to produce full grown plant. Grows with periods of dormancy. Doesn't show a lot of gain each year. (12)
Active Growth Phase	Takes 3-5 years to get up and out of ground, yield every other year is unreliable. (13) It will pop up after the first year, but then go back down under the soil, putting all it's energy into root development. After third year begins to become a plant that you can take out of a tube. When it comes up, put in walk in cooler for about 3 months to emulate the cold cycle. Leave it in greenhouse it will go into dormancy and come back up in spring. Speed cycles up by not transplanting, direct seed in tube. (14)
Length of Active Growth	Takes 3 years to get a plug, as do most bigroot/taproot plants. Don't like to grow because you have to hold for so long to develop it's root as a storage container. (14)
Phase Hardening	
Phase Length of Hardening Phase	
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping	
Length of Storage	
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites	Don't see a lot for sale commercially because the tuber is not visible for long periods of time, not attractive for retail to buy an empty pot. (12)
Other Comments	Very few nurseries will grow out because of it's long growth time to get a mature plant. (13) Edible roots and seed. Can be made into tea. Staple food for number of north American tribes. Dried, ground into powder, made into cakes. Very nutritious. (4)
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