

# Giant butterbur

*Petasites japonicus* var. *giganteus*

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Invasive species native to Asia.

Rare in the wild in Belgium

Found along **streams, riverbanks, wet meadows** and **shady forests**



**Dioecious terrestrial herbaceous** plant. (Only male individuals in Europe).

Can reach more than 1 m high and 3 m wide

Very large kidney-shaped leaves up to 150 cm in diameter, irregularly toothed



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Rhizomatous plant forming **dense stands**



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Flower clumps emerge before the leaves in February-April and quickly fade away afterwards



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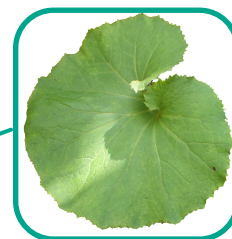
Inflorescences in spike made up of small fragrant cream-coloured flowers

Pale-green bracts

Rosettes appear in April-May and remain until the end of summer



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## Not to be confused with

### *Petasites hybridus* - Native

- Large toothed heart-shaped leaves
- Pink odourless flowers



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### *Tussilago farfara* - Native

- Rounded, smaller and tougher leaves
- Leaves with black edges and white-felted underneath



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