

Anthriscus cerefolium

COMMON NAME

chervil, garden chervil

SYNONYMS

Chaerophyllum sativum.

FAMILY

Apiaceae

AUTHORITY

Anthriscus cerefolium (L.) Hoffm.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Annual or biennial herb with soft, bipinnate leaves; when crushed, have aniseed aroma. Stems to 700 mm tall; flowers in umbels, white; fruit of 2 mericarps that mostly remain joined when ripe

HABITAT

Gardens, adjoining waste areas

SIMILAR TAXA

Anthriscus caucalis has fruits covered in fine hooks. Coriander (Coriandrum sativum) has flowers with unequal petals around the outer edges of the umbels. The very poisonous Hemlock (Conium maculatum) has purple streaks on the stems and has an offensive odour (not an aniseed aroma).

FLOWER COLOURS

White

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

seed

YEAR NATURALISED

First record 2019

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Culinary

ETYMOLOGY

anthriscus: A Greek name for a similar culinary plant described by Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/anthriscus-cerefolium/>



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