

# Angelica pachycarpa

## COMMON NAME

angelica

## FAMILY

Apiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Angelica pachycarpa Lange

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

ANGPAC

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Mainly coastal, waste places.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Stout fleshy short-lived perennial up to 1m tall with faint aniseed odour. The stems are hollow and grooved. Leaves are dark green and glossy, and are variable in shape. Basal leaves are 2-3 pinnate and with an obvious petiole. Stem leaves are 1-3 pinnate and with much shorter petiole. Numerous greenish white flowers are held in flat-topped umbels 10-20 cm diameter. The fruit are up to 12 mm long, brown with lighter coloured wings.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Can be confused with *A. archangelica*, the true herbal angelica. But *A. pachycarpa* has darker leaves, is much smaller, lacks the very strong aroma and the umbels are flat rather than rounded.

## FLOWERING

November, December, January

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1978

## ORIGIN

N.W. Spain, W. Portugal

## ETYMOLOGY

**angelica:** From the Latin angelus 'angel', referring to the healing properties of this genus

## Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

## Dispersal

Humans, wind, water.

## Tolerances

Tolerant of very dry sites including salt-spray.



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