

Daucus decipiens

COMMON NAMES

parsnip palm

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

SIMILAR TAXA

Spreading crown of leaves and stout woody stem; stems up to 2m high and 4cm diameter; woody and leafless in lower parts with distinct leaf scars; stems have pith in the centre and are hollow in parts; flowers are numerous, white to purplish; fruit are dark brown 12-18mm long (Webb et al., 1988).

GENUS

Daucus

FAMILY

Apiaceae

AUTHORITY

Daucus decipiens (Schrader & J.C.Wendl.) Spalik, Wojew., Banasiak & Reduron

SYNONYMS

Melanoselinum decipiens (Schrader & J.C.Wendl.) Hoffm.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1969

ORIGIN

Madeira (Portugal)

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Long-lived seed bank - more than a year (Carol West, pers. comm.). Biennial or perennial (Webb et al., 1988).

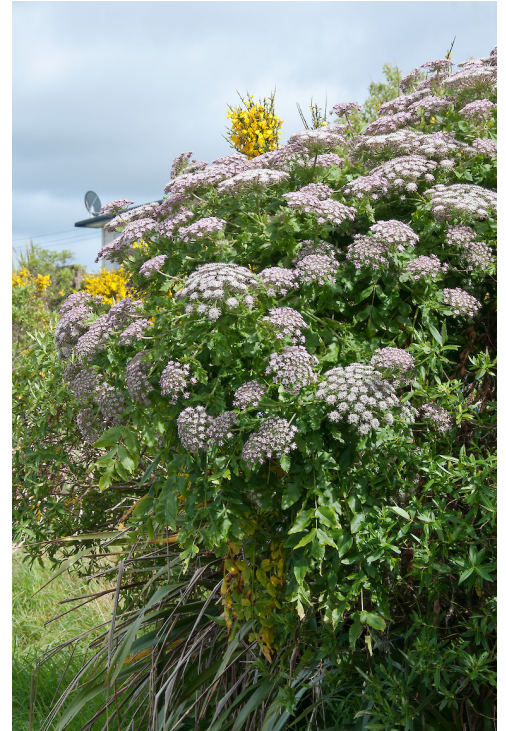
ETYMOLOGY

daucus: An ancient Greek name

decipiens: Deceptive

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