

# Foeniculum vulgare

## COMMON NAME

fennel

## FAMILY

Apiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Foeniculum vulgare Mill.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

FOEVUL

## SIMILAR TAXA

Perennial herbaceous plant from the carrot family; often reach 2m; yellow-flowered (West, 1996). Numerous yellow flowers 1-2mm; fruit dark brown 3-6mm (Webb et al., 1988).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

S. and S.W. Europe

## ETYMOLOGY

**foeniculum:** Named for genus which includes fennel, from the Latin foeniculum 'hay' in reference to its odour.

## Life Cycle Comments

Plant dies back to a root stock after flowering (West, 1996).

## Seed

Numerous seeds are produced from the flower heads (West, 1996).

## Dispersal

Wind dispersed a short distance or else attach to animals and carried further (West, 1996).

## Foraging for fennel

Click on the Radio New Zealand National logo to listen to This Way Up. Simon Morton interviews Johanna Knox about foraging for fennel (duration: 10'51")

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/foeniculum-vulgare/>



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