

# Foeniculum vulgare

## COMMON NAMES

fennel

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## 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).

## GENUS

Foeniculum

## FAMILY

Apiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Foeniculum vulgare Mill.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

S. and S.W. Europe

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Plant dies back to a root stock after flowering (West, 1996). Numerous seeds are produced from the flower heads (*ibid.*). Wind dispersed a short distance or else attach to animals and carried further (*ibid.*).

## ETYMOLOGY

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

## NVS CODE

FOEVUL

## MORE INFORMATION

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

## PDF DATE

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