PLANT FACT SHEET

Visnaga daucoides Gaertn.

GENUS *Visnaga* **FAMILY** Apiaceae

COMMON NAMES Visnaga, Bisnaga, Toothpick weed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds - spice

Leaves are chewed raw for their flavour. They are also used in salads.
The seeds are used as a spice in soft cheese. They are also used as a herbal tea.
CAUTION: The sap can irritate the skin.

DESCRIPTION

An annual/biennial plant. It grows to 75 cm high and 40 cm wide. The upper leaves have narrow lobes. The flowers are greenish-white. The umbels have 150 rays. They arise from a thickened disk.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate and Mediterranean climate plant. It grows naturally in fields and sandy places. It prefers a well drained soil in a sunny position. It tolerates a pH in the range 6.8 to 8.3. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 10 Ammi species.

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