PLANT FACT SHEET

Scandix pecten-veneris Linn.

GENUS *Scandix* **FAMILY** Apiaceae

COMMON NAMES Shepherd's needle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Spice

The leaves are eaten raw as a green vegetable. They are also used in vegetable pies. They are used as a flavouring.
The unripe fruit are also eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A short annual herb. The leaves are divided 2-3 times with leaflets along the stalks. The lobes are narrow and have teeth. The flowers are in white umbels opposite the leaves. They have 1-3 rays. Some petals of the outer flowers are usually larger. They can be 2-3 mm long. The fruit is 20-80 mm long and erect with a long beak.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It occurs in fallow and waste land. It can grow in arid places. Tasmania Herbarium.

PICTURES



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