PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Aethusa cynapium L.

GENUS *Aethusa* **FAMILY** Apiaceae

COMMON NAMES Fool's parsley

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: The entire plant is poisonous. It is probably less poisonous once dried.
The leaves have been recorded as eaten after cooking.
It is probably best not to eat this plant.

DESCRIPTION

An annual plant which grows 1.2 m high. The root is white and spindle shaped. The stem is slender and has bluish flecks. The leaves are dark green above and yellowish-green underneath. They are divided 3 times and the leaflets are divided. The flowers are white and in compound groups.

HABITAT

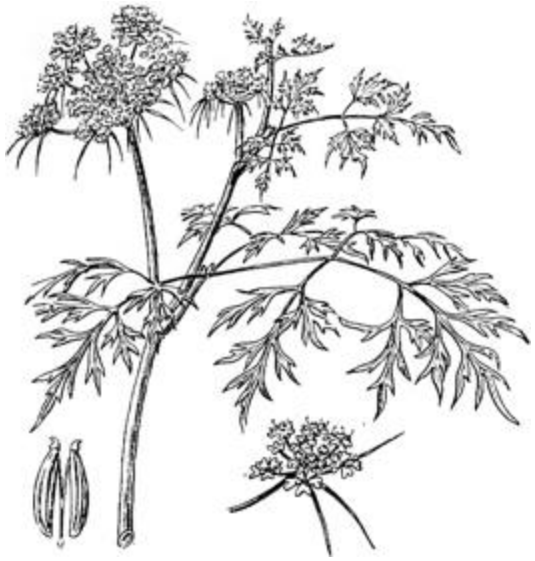
It is a temperate plant. It will grow in most soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

PICTURES



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