PLANT FACT SHEET

Pimpinella saxifraga L.

GENUS *Pimpinella* **FAMILY** Apiaceae

COMMON NAMES Burnet saxifrage, Black caraway, Salad Burnet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Seeds, Herb, Spice, Root, Flowers - drink

The young leaves and shoots are eaten in salads of added to cooling drinks.
The shoots and flower heads have been used to flavour beer, ale and wine.
The seeds are coated with sugar and eaten.
An essential oil from the roots is used for flavouring candies.
The root and young shoots are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. The stems are solid and hairy with shallow ridges. The leaves near the base have 3-9 leaflets. They have teeth along the edge. The leaves on the stem are smaller and have irregular teeth and a swollen base. The flowers are white. The seeds are very small and have faint ridges along them.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zone 5.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

PICTURES



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