

Fennel - *Foeniculum vulgare*

Form: Herb with perennial woody base and annual shoots 1-2m tall.

Leaves: Feathery, very finely divided, up to 40cm long with strong basal sheaths, aromatic when crushed.

Flowers: Summer. Conspicuous heads of minute yellow flowers.

Fruits: Autumn. Dry, flat, oval, ribbed, brown, 4-5mm long. Aromatic

Impacts: Slight unless dense. May exclude native plants but usually in highly disturbed areas. Wild form of cultivated fennel.

Control: Dig out. Spot spray when in active growth.

Ongoing management: Check area every second year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.



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