

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaf. Photographer Don Wood, east of Candelero



'Seeds'. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Shelford, Vic



Flowering stems. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Queenscliff, Vic

## Common name

Fennel

## Family

Apiaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, moist sites, and along streams. Widespread. Mainly in the Sydney area and the ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced annual, biennial**, or short-lived **perennial** herb to 2.5 m tall, strongly liquorice-scented. Stems grooved, hairless, usually **glaucous**. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, 30–50 cm long, bright green, hairless, stalks hollow, bases sheathing the stem. Leaves feathery, repeatedly **dissected** into numerous thread-like **segments** each 0.5–10 cm long, to 0.5 mm wide. Flowers yellow, 1–3 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**, in many-flowered clusters 7–15 cm diameter. Flowers Spring to Summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Foeniculum-vulgare> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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