

Apium leptophyllum

COMMON NAME

slender celery

SYNONYMS

Ciclospermum leptophyllum (Pers.) Sprague ex Britton & P.Wilson (orth. var.), *Cyclopermum leptophyllum* (Pers.) Sprague ex Britton & P.Wilson

FAMILY

Apiaceae

AUTHORITY

Apium leptophyllum (Pers.) F. Muell. ex Benth.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

Erect, glabrous, annual terrestrial herb. Stems hollow, slightly grooved, striate, up to 50 cm high. Basal leaves 3-4 pinnate or ternate, petiolate; ultimate segments linear to filiform, entire, 2-15 mm long; stem leaves similar to basal but 2-3 ternate, shortly petiolate. Umbels 1-3 cm diameter, flowers 5-petaled, 1 mm diameter. Fruit broadly ovoid, 1.5-3 mm long, dark brown; ribs broad, thickened, pale brown. (Webb et al 1988)

FLOWERING

July, August, September, October, November, December, January.
February

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1869

ORIGIN

N., C. and S. America

ETYMOLOGY

apium: The ancient Latin name for celery or parsley. Believed to be derived from the Celtic word apon 'ditch' and refers to the watery habitat of many species

Reproduction

Reproduces by seed.

Dispersal

The seeds are fine balls that have deeply ribbed coverings. These break open when dry and shed their seed. The seed is then dispersed by the wind (Ermert and Clapp 1998).

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