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*Foeniculum*

*Umbelliferae*

[*Apiaceae*]

*Foeniculum* is derived from Latin *foenum* or *faenum* (hay) with reference to the smell.

The flavour of the seed ranges from bitter to sweet according to the variety – from the most bitter fennel through the sweeter Saxon or German fennel to the sweetest ie. Florence fennel.