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Oenanthe aquatica

[Synonyms : *Oenanthe phellandrium*, *Phellandrium aquaticum*]

WATER FENNEL is an aquatic annual or biennial. Native to temperate Europe, it has small white flowers.

It is also known as *Billebo-Klaseskærm* (Danish), *Cegid Manddail y Dŵr* (Welsh), *Ciguë aquatique* (French), Deathin, Edge weed, *Felandrio* (Esperanto), *Felandrio acuático* (Spanish), *Fenouil d'eau* (French), Fineleaf water dropwort, Fine-leaved water dropwort, *Finocchio acquatico* (Italian), *Finocchio acquatico cicutario* (Italian), *Gemeiner Wasserfenchel* (German), *Gewöhnlicher Wasserfenchel* (German), *Grosser Wasserfenchel* (German), *Grosser Wasserrebendolde* (German), *Halucha vodná* (Slovak), *Halucha vodní* (Czech), *Haluchovec vodní* (Czech), *Hestekjørvel* (Norwegian), Horsebane, *Kropidlo wodne* (Polish), *Oenanthe aquatique* (French), *Oenanthe safranée* (French, Swiss), *Pahaputki* (Finnish), *Phellandre* (French), *Rebendolde* (German), *Rosskümmel* (German), *Stäkra* (Swedish), *Vandfennikel* (Danish), *Vattenstäkra* (Swedish), *Vizi borgyökér* (Hungarian), *Vizi mételykóró* (Hungarian), *Wasserfenchel* (German), *Wasserpferdesaat* (German), *Wasserrebendolde* (German), Water hemlock, and *Watertorkruid* (Dutch).

Warning – SEE *Oenanthe* GENUS entry.

Aquatica means ‘growing in or near water’.

Medicinally, the ripe fruit have been used in the past to treat respiratory illnesses eg. asthma, catarrh and laryngitis. Water fennel is used today in homoeopathic treatments.