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Oenanthe pimpinelloides

CORKY-FRUITED WATER-DROPWORT is a creeping perennial. Native to southern and western Europe and to south-western Asia it has tiny white flowers.

It is also known as *Halucha bedrníkovitá* (Czech), *Knölstakra* (Swedish), Meadow parsley, and Slender naiad.

It is a protected plant in the Irish Republic under the Flora Protection Order 1987 – but in southern Australia it is viewed as a noxious weed.

Pimpinelloides is made up of the genus name *Pimpinella* and Greek *-oides* (like) components meaning ‘like plants in that genus’.

Authorities note that in some places the starchy root has been eaten. It is said to have a hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*)-like taste.