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Raphanus raphanistrum

[Synonyms : *Raphanus raphanistrum* var. *purpurascens*]

WILD RADISH is an annual or biennial. Found in Europe it has often conspicuously purplish veined, white or pale yellow (occasionally pale violet) flowers.

It is also known as *Acker-Rettich* (German), *Åkerrättika* (Swedish), Black mustard, *Bréha* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), *Caboche sauvâge* (Channel Islander-Guernsey), Cadlock, *Hederich* (German), Horse radish, Jointed charlock, Jointed radish, *Ohnice obecna* (Czech), *Pan y quesito blanco* (Spanish), *Peltoretikka* (Finnish), *Rafanistro* (Esperanto), *Ramenas* (Afrikaans), *Ravanell Salvagg* (Maltese), *Red'kev ohnica* (Slovak), *Ředkev ohnice* (Czech), *Rhuddygl* (Welsh), *Rhuddygl Gwyllt* (Welsh), Rump, Runch, Runchik, White charlock, White runch, Wild kale, and Wild turnip.

One plant can produce over 2,000 seeds.

Warning – there are no recent official records of poisoning of animals in Britain although there has long been a view that the seeds of this species can be harmful.

Wild radish's appearance can be confused easily with that of wild charlock (*Sinapis arvensis*) with which it also shares common uses.

Raphanistrum is derived from a Greek *rhaphanis* (radish) meaning 'appears quickly' with reference to rapid seed germination.

Authorities have noted that seeds can be viable for over 50 years.