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Scandix pecten-veneris

[Synonyms : *Chaerophyllum pecten-veneris*, *Chaerophyllum rostratum*, *Myrrhis pecten-veneris*, *Scandix pecten*, *Scandix persica*, *Wylia pecten-veneris*]

SHEPHERD’S NEEDLE is an annual. Native to Asia and south-eastern Europe it has tiny white flowers.

It is also known as Adam’s needle, *Aiguille de berger* (French), Beggar’s needle, Clock needle, Comb, Crake needle, Crow needle, Crow-pecks, Deil’s darning-needle, Deil’s elshin, Devil’s darning needle, Elshins, Hedgehogs, Lady’s comb, Long beaks, *Maxxita* (Maltese), *Minqār-al-laqlaq* (Arabic), *Nålkörvel* (Swedish), Needle-chervil, Needle-points, *Nodwydd y Bugail* (Welsh), Old wife’s darning-needles, Old woman’s needle, Pink needle, Pins and needles, Pook-needle, Pouckenel, Puck-needle, Scandix, Shepard’s needle, Shepherd’s comb, Tailders, Tailor’s needles, Venus comb, *Venuskombil-skandiko* (Esperanto), *Vochlice hřebeníá* (Czech), Wild chervil, Wild parsley, and Witch’s needles.

In Britain shepherd’s-needle is considered to be endangered in the wild.

Pecten-veneris is derived from Latin *venus* (charm, loveliness, attractiveness, Venus) and *pecto* (comb) components meaning ‘the comb of Venus’.