

Anthriscus caucalis

Bur Chervil



Plant Characteristics: Annual, covered with fine hairs (hispid) throughout, slender stems 4.5-9 dm. high

Leaves: three part leaflets (ternately compound), blade 5-15 cm. oblong to triangular-ovate,

Flowers: in umbels usually 3-6 rayed; white, 1-2.5 cm. Bloom April-June

Seeds: ovoid, 4 mm. long including the short beak, covered with many short spines (muricate) with short hooked bristles, axis notched at tip. Ripen early summer. 2000+ produced per plant.

Habitat: Shaded waste places and banks from Western Oregon to central California. (Abrams Vol. III 224). April-June. Plant communities: weed, species characteristic of disturbed places

Name: Anthriscus, ancient Greek name. Greek, kaukalis, name of the hedge parsley. (Jaeger 49).

Family: Apiaceae (Carrot family) Not edible. An old world genus of about 10 species.

Control: This annual must be removed prior to seed maturation. The plants can be pulled when the soil is still moist. If plants cannot be pulled, they should be cut as close to the ground as possible after flowering but before seeds mature.

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