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PLANT PROFILE

Three cornered leek

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Species description

Scientific name:

Allium triquetrum

Other names:

Three-cornered garlic

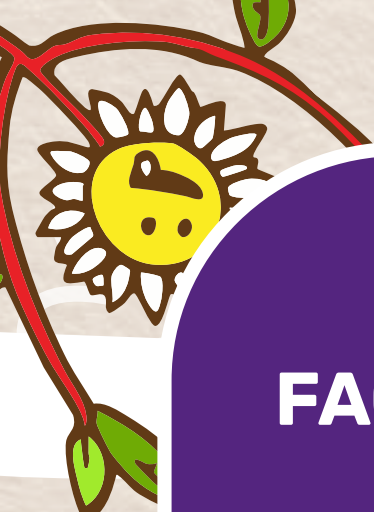
Native to:

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Interesting facts

Impacts:

Three-cornered garlic spreads widely and has the potential to displace native species.

Habitat:

Can be found on roadsides, in hedge banks, field margins, coastal cliff-tops, grassland, car parks, gardens and waste ground.

Three-cornered leek is a bulbous perennial that flowers in spring.

It was introduced to Britain by 1759 and found in the wild by 1849. It is now widely spread.

How it spreads:

Spreads by seed that is dispersed by ants.



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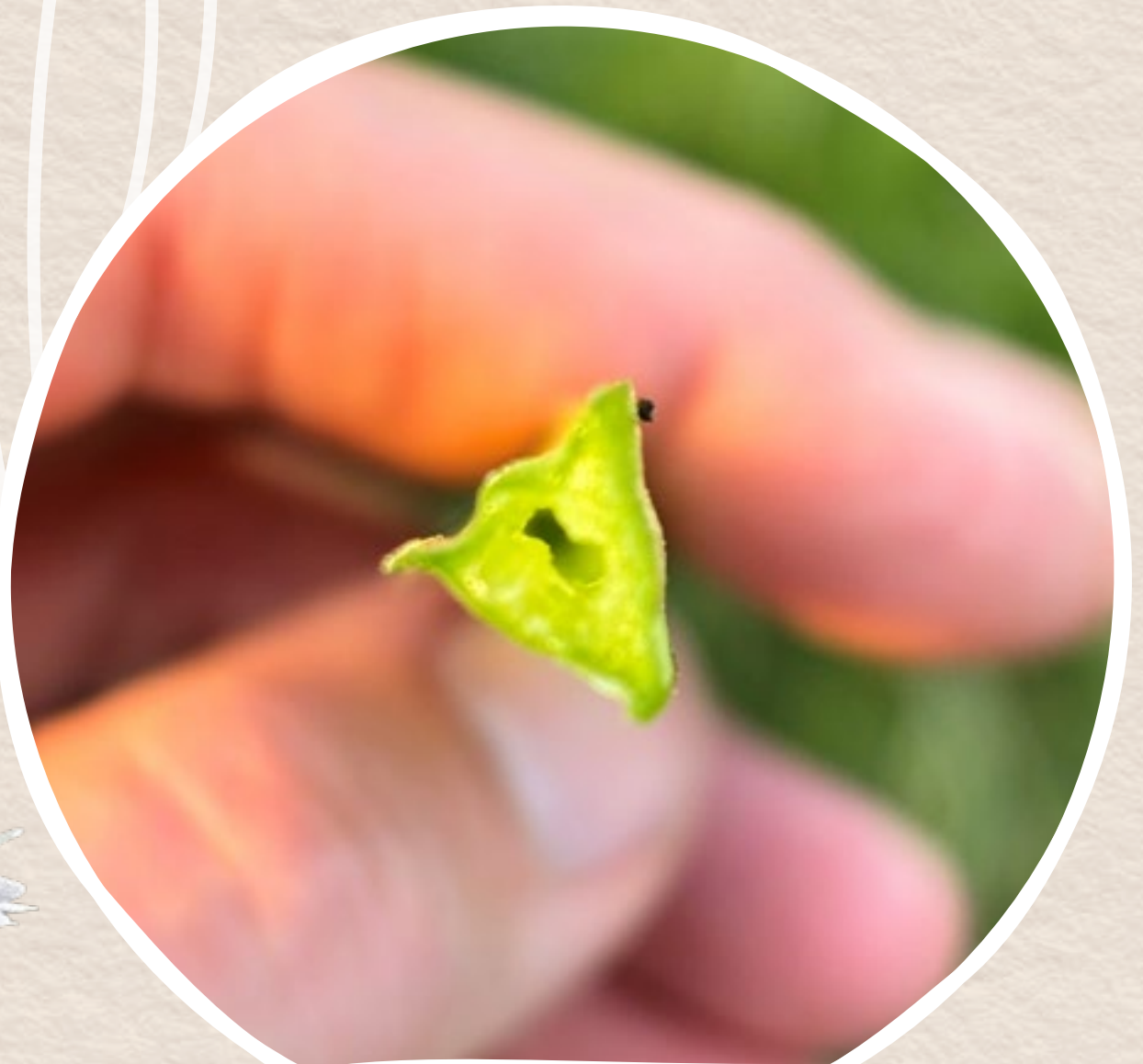
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Key identification features



Bell shaped white flowers with a distinct single green vein in spring.



Distinct triangular stalk.



Stalks up to 40cm tall.

Narrow green leaves, 2-5 per bulb.

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Take action

Help **stop** the **spread!**



Remove the plant by digging, taking care to remove all of the bulbs.



Do not compost bulbs or seed heads at home, use council garden waste facilities.

Explore our tips for alternative plant ideas.



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Handy tips

Legislation

Three-cornered garlic is listed as an invasive species on [Schedule 9](#) of the [Wildlife and Countryside Act \(1981\)](#). It is an **offence to plant or cause to grow in the wild**.

Gardeners possessing this plant should undertake measures to help **stop the spread** from their gardens into the wild.

Similar species:

Not to be confused with:

Few-flowered garlic (*Allium paradoxum*) which is invasive or rosy garlic (*Allium roseum*).



**Few flowered
garlic**



Rosy garlic

Alternative plant ideas

Native

Allium ursinum



***Allium
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