

Lapsana communis L. (Asteraceae)

General shape: Obliquely obovate, curved.

Normal size:

3.5-4.0 mm L x 0.8 – 1.0 mm W x 0.8 mm D

Color: Silvery brown to light brown.

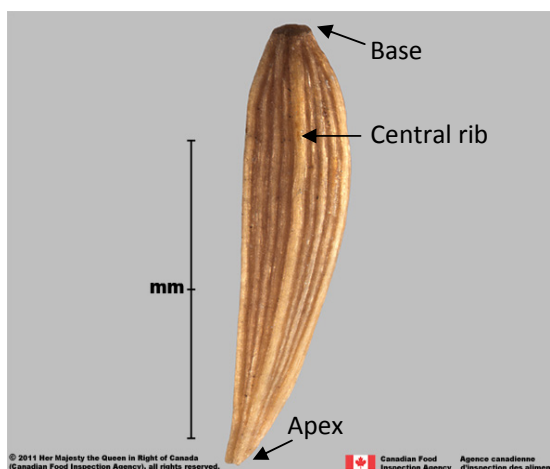
Texture: Glossy with large longitudinal ribs with smaller ribs in between.

Distinguishing features: Prominent central and marginal ribs. Tapered apex and a broad, rimmed base.

Embryo: Embryo with well-developed cotyledons and a broad stalk having a truncate top, no endosperm.



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