

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten. (Asteraceae)

General shape: Obovate, curved.

Normal size:

3.5-4.0 mm L x 1.2-1.7 mm W

Color: Yellowish-brown and streaked with black or purple. Apical collar a light yellow.

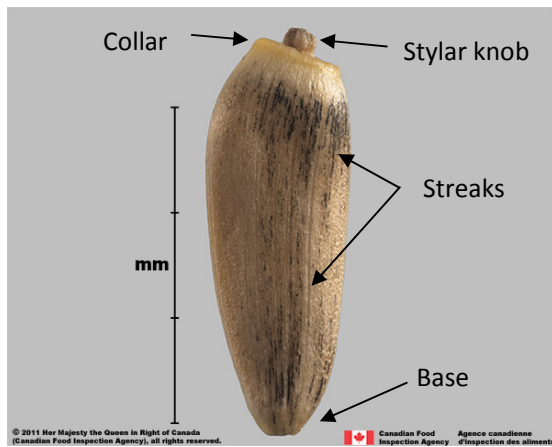
Texture: Dullish, fairly smooth surface.

Distinguishing features: Large stylar knob. Apical collar lighter in colour. Pappus is composed of long, plumose bristles but is readily detached. Narrow, truncated base. Broadest above the middle of the achene.

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



Cirsium vulgare achenes



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