

Xanthium strumarium

COMMON NAME

Noogoora bur, rough cocklebur

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Xanthium strumarium L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Disturbed ground, stream banks, riparian areas.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Large, broad leaves, bright green in colour in an alternate pattern with irregular lobes and relatively inconspicuous teeth. Stems turn maroon to black when mature. Greenish yellow grapelike clusters of male flowers are produced on a stalk at the leaf axils. Female flowers are smaller at first, just below male, becoming the “bur” fruits.

FLOWERING

Late summer/autumn

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1894

ORIGIN

N. temperate regions, C. and S. America

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/xanthium-strumarium/>

