

Acaena agnipila var. aequispina

COMMON NAME

sheep's bur

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Acaena agnipila var. *aequispina* Orchard

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguished from the native *Acaena* species by its flowers and fruits being on spikes (all the native species have flowers and fruits in globular heads).

YEAR NATURALISED

1871

ORIGIN

Australia

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Accidental

ETYMOLOGY

acaena: From the Greek 'akanthos' thorn, referring to the spiny calyx that many species have

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/acaena-agnipila-var-aequispina/>



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