

Allium schoenoprasum

COMMON NAMES

chives

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, Purple

GENUS

Allium

FAMILY

Alliaceae

AUTHORITY

Allium schoenoprasum L.

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Vegetable

ETYMOLOGY

allium: Possibly from the Latin word for garlic or the Celtic word all 'pungent' or 'burning'

schoenoprasum: An old Greek name for the leek

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/allium-schoenoprasum/>

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