

# Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera

## COMMON NAMES

Brussels sprouts

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

## GENUS

Brassica

## FAMILY

Brassicaceae

## AUTHORITY

Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera (DC.) Zenker

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

2006

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Can be either annual or biennial. Reproduces exclusively by seed. Seed is long-lived, forms a large seed bank. Dispersal is mainly by humans and as accidental contaminant in top soil or grass seed.

## ETYMOLOGY

**brassica:** From the Latin brassica used by Pliny the Elder, derived from the Celtic bresic, the name for cabbage.

**gemmifera:** From Latin gemma 'bud' and ferre 'to bear'

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/brassica-oleracea-var-gemmifera/>

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