

# Brassica rapa subsp. chinensis

## COMMON NAMES

pak choi

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## GENUS

Brassica

## FAMILY

Brassicaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Brassica rapa* subsp. *chinensis* (L.) Kitam.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1992

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Can be 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.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/brassica-rapa-subsp-chinensis/>

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