

Briza maxima

COMMON NAME

Large quaking grass

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Briza maxima L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

BRIMAX

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

SIMILAR TAXA

Rattling seed pods on long stems. These pods are tear-shaped with a distinctive overlapping pattern. They are cream-pale brown to pale green in colour. The seeds are contained in these pods, which are arranged in panicles of up to 30 seed pods. They droop from the narrow stems, which can grow to 45 cm. Briza is a tuft-forming annual with few leaf blades that are a bright green colour. (Ermert and Clapp 1998)

YEAR NATURALISED

1867

ORIGIN

S. Europe

ETYMOLOGY

briza: From Greek brizo 'to nod' referring to the nodding motion of the spikelets

Reproduction

Spreads via rhizomes and from seed. (Ermert and Clapp 1998)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/briza-maxima/>



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