

# Briza minor

## COMMON NAME

Shivery grass

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

Briza minor L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

BRIMIN

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

## SIMILAR TAXA

This tuft-forming grass grows up to 45 cm tall. It has a cluster of very small (2-5 mm) heart shaped seed heads of slender forked branches. Seeds appear in summer and are pale green in colour. (Ermert and Clapp 1998)

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

Mediterranean

## ETYMOLOGY

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

**minor:** Smaller

## Reproduction

Reproduces via seed or bulbils

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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