

Cardamine hirsuta

COMMON NAME

Bitter cress

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Cardamine hirsuta L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

CARHIR

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Cauline leaves pinnate, glabrous or nearly so (cf. *C. flexuosa*, which often grows with *C. hirsuta*; and despite the species name 'hirsuta'); stem axis not zig-zagged (cf. *C. flexuosa*).

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1901

ETYMOLOGY

cardamine: From the Greek name kárdamon, referring to an Indian spice

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cardamine-hirsuta/>



Cardamine hirsuta. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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