

Corydalis heterocarpa var. japonica

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Glabrous herb, leaves pale green, thin, soft, 2-3 pinnate; petioles almost succulent with many pink striae at base; corolla mostly yellow - upper lobe has a distal brown spot and white at tip. Fruit a pod-like capsule. Self-establishing under trees and on earth paths.

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Yellow

GENUS

Corydalis

FAMILY

Papaveraceae

AUTHORITY

Corydalis heterocarpa Siebold et Zucc. var. japonica (Franch. et Savat.) Ohwi

YEAR NATURALISED

2015 (near Rangitikei River, Kakariki)

ORIGIN

Japan

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Self-seeding

ETYMOLOGY

corydalis: From korydalis the Greek name for the crested lark, which derives korys 'helmet'; alluding to the shape of the petals

japonica: Of Japan

ATTRIBUTION

fact sheet prepared by Colin C Ogle, October 2016

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/corydalis-heterocarpa-var-japonica/>

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Establishing under trees on earth path in extensive garden, near Kakariki, Rangitikei. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 31/10/2015, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Capsules on plants establishing in extensive garden, near Kakariki, Rangitikei. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 31/10/2015, Licence: CC BY-NC.