

Crassula alata

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Crassula

FAMILY

Crassulaceae

AUTHORITY

Crassula alata (Viv.) Berger var. *alata*

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2004 (but first collected from Taupo in 2000)

ORIGIN

Mediterranean

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Probably accidental - an aggressive weed difficult to control. Reproduces exclusively by seed. Miniscule seed is easily dispersed by water, wind and soil movement.

TOLERANCES

Drought and shade tolerant

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Short-lived spring/summer annual.

ETYMOLOGY

crassula: From the Latin *crassus* 'thick', meaning 'rather thick'

alata: From the Latin *ala* 'wing' meaning 'winged'

NVS CODE

CRAALA

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/crassula-alata/>

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