

Cuscuta campestris

COMMON NAMES

field dodder, golden dodder

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Parasitic twining vine, with little or no chlorophyll. Attached to a wide variety of host plants.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Cuscuta

FAMILY

Convolvulaceae

AUTHORITY

Cuscuta campestris Yunck.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1941 (CHR 25085)

ORIGIN

Probably N.America

ETYMOLOGY

campestris: From the Latin campus 'field, pasture', meaning growing in pasture

ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC. 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cuscuta-campestris/>

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