

Cyperus rotundus

COMMON NAMES

nutgrass

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Sedges

GENUS

Cyperus

FAMILY

Cyperaceae

AUTHORITY

Cyperus rotundus L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1873

ORIGIN

Almost cosmopolitan in warm areas

ETYMOLOGY

cyperus: From the ancient Greek name for sedge, kypeiros

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](#).

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cyperus-rotundus/>

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