

Dipogon lignosus

COMMON NAME

mile-a-minute

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Dipogon lignosus (L.) Verdc.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Forest edge, shrublands, track or road sides in open sun

FEATURES

A scrambler climber with three delta shaped leaflets up to 55mm. Typical pea type flowers of purple, red, pink and white shadings to 15 mm. Seed pods, boat shaped to 40 mm. (T. McCluggage)

SIMILAR TAXA

Climbing perennial herb with pea-like flowers (National Surveillance Pest Plants)

FLOWERING

July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1871

ORIGIN

S Africa

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial.

Reproduction

seeds (T. McCluggage pers com)

Dispersal

Suspected water dispersal and possible spread by birds in nesting material (DoC, 1998). Gravity, water, birds?, humans. (T. McCluggage pers com)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dipogon-lignosus/>



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