# **Eleusine indica**

## **COMMON NAME**

crowfoot grass

#### **FAMILY**

Poaceae

## **AUTHORITY**

Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn.

## **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## **NVS CODE**

**ELEIND** 

## **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Roots fibrous, stems smooth, sometimes upright but usually nearly prostrate 15 to 60 cm long, sometimes slightly roughened. Inflorescence finger-like, similar to crabgrass, with 2 to 10 segments 2.5 to 7.5 cm long. Spikelets 3 to 6 seeded along the edges of the rachis. (Wax, Fawcett and Isley 1981)

## YEAR NATURALISED

1855

# **ORIGIN**

widespread

## Seed

Seeds very small, reddish brown, rough, ridged. (Wax, Fawcett and Isley 1981)





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# REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Wax LM, Fawcett RS, Isley D, eds. 1981. Weeds of the North Central States. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agriculture, Illinois, USA. 303 p.

## MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/eleusine-indica/