

Epilobium obscurum

COMMON NAMES

tall willow herb

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

SIMILAR TAXA

Seeds 0.8-1.3 mm long; coma white; leaves > or < than subtended internodes. Glandular hairs present only on hypanthium.

GENUS

Epilobium

FAMILY

Onagraceae

AUTHORITY

Epilobium obscurum Schreb.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1902

ORIGIN

Eurasia, Macronesia

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

epilobium: From the Greek epi- 'upon' and lobos 'a pod', the flowers appearing to be growing on the seed pod.

obscurum: From the Latin obscurus 'indistinct', usually in reference to colour and meaning 'dark' or 'dull'

NVS CODE

EPIOBS

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/epilobium-obscurum/>

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