

Epilobium tetragonum

COMMON NAMES

tall willowherb

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMILAR TAXA

Floral tube with an evident ring of hairs inside; Leaves narrowly lanceolate to narrowly elliptic, evidently decurrent into raised lines on stem; plants forming rosettes near base in autumn.

GENUS

Epilobium

FAMILY

Onagraceae

AUTHORITY

Epilobium tetragonum L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1947

ORIGIN

W. to C. Asia N. Africa, 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.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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