

# Equisetum fluviatile

## COMMON NAME

Water horsetail

## FAMILY

Equisetaceae

## AUTHORITY

Equisetum fluviatile L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## YEAR NATURALISED

1988

## ETYMOLOGY

**equisetum:** From the Latin equus 'horse' and setum 'bristle', the barren growths resembling horses' tails.

**fluviatile:** Growing by water; from the Latin fluvius

## Reason For Introduction

Horticultural

## Reproduction

By spores and rhizomes

## Dispersal

Wind dispersed spores, vegetative spread by water and as accidental pot contaminants

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/equisetum-fluviatile/>

