

Lepidium sativum

COMMON NAMES

cress

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Lepidium

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Lepidium sativum L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1864

ORIGIN

Egypt, A. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

lepidium: Scale-shaped (pods)

NVS CODE

LEPSAT

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lepidium-sativum/>

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Lepidium sativum close up of silicles and flowers, Auckland, Owairaka, Upper Oakley Creek. Photographer: Peter J de Lange, Date taken: 29/09/2006, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Lepidium sativum growth habit showing flowering stems and silicles and upper stem leaves, Auckland, Owairaka, Upper Oakley Creek. Photographer: Peter J de Lange, Date

