

# Lepidium sativum

## COMMON NAME

Cress

## FAMILY

Brassicaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Lepidium sativum* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Herbs other than Composites

## NVS CODE

LEPSAT

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1864

## ORIGIN

Egypt, A. Asia

## ETYMOLOGY

**lepidium:** Scale-shaped (pods)

## MORE INFORMATION

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



*Lepidium sativum* close up of silicles and flowers, Auckland, Owairaka, Upper Oakley Creek. Photographer: Peter de Lange



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