

Lolium temulentum

COMMON NAMES

darnel

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Roots fibrous. **Stems** about 45–60 cm tall. **Leaf-sheaths** smooth, overlapping on one another. **Leaf blades** 3–6 mm wide, flat, slightly rough on upper surfaces. **Spikes** long and narrow with 2 rows of small flattened spikelets placed edgewise to the stem. **Outer glume** of spikelet as long as or longer than spikelet, sharply pointed. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

GENUS

Lolium

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Lolium temulentum L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1855

ORIGIN

Mediterranean

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Reproduces by seed. Seed 3–6 mm long, narrowly oval, brownish, usually short-bearded at the tip. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

NVS CODE

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Wax LM, Fawcett RS, Isley D, eds. 1981. Weeds of the North Central States. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agriculture, Illinois, USA. 303 p.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lolium-temulentum/>

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