

# Najas marina

## COMMON NAMES

holly-leaved naiad, spiny water nymph

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Plants dioecious; stems freely branched, 2-5 dm long, the internodes often spinulose. Leaves linear, coarsely spinulose-toothed, sometimes spinulose on the back, 10-20 mm long, 2-4 mm wide (including the teeth), the teeth triangular, projecting 0.5-1 mm, 1-4 mm apart. Achenes olive-green, the beak 0.5-1.5 mm long. Seeds 4-5 mm long, 1/2 as thick, finely reticulate.

## GENUS

Najas

## FAMILY

Hydrocharitaceae

## AUTHORITY

Najas marina L.

## FRUITING

July to September

## ETYMOLOGY

**marina:** Marine

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/najas-marina/>

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