

Panicum miliaceum

COMMON NAMES

broomcorn millet

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Annual with fibrous roots reproducing by seeds. Stems 0.5–1.5 m tall, either spreading or erect, branched. Leaves and especially leaf sheaths covered with dense stiff hairs. Panicle resembling that of *P. dichotomiflorum* but larger. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

GENUS

Panicum

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Panicum miliaceum L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1916

ORIGIN

Asia

TOLERANCES

Grows rapidly; is particularly well adapted to sandy or droughty soils and hot weather. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds 2.4–3 mm long, oval, brown to black, shiny, smooth, readily separated from hulls, resembling domestic proso millet.

NVS CODE

PANMIL

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/panicum-miliaceum/>

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