

Plantago coronopus

COMMON NAME

buck's horn plantain

FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

AUTHORITY

Plantago coronopus L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

PLACOR

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Extensively naturalised in coastal areas. common around lowland lakes inland, in waste places and other modified areas.

FEATURES

Annual or perennial herb with persistent taproot. Leaves all radical, 120 x 5 mm with 1-4 pairs of lobes or teeth. Flowering stem up to 45 cm long, usually clothed in hairs, cylindrical spike contains many flowers. Capsule up to 2 mm long, usually containing 4 small pinkish-brown seeds.

SIMILAR TAXA

P. coronopis is a very variable species in New Zealand. Can be distinguished by the combination of the radical leaves with lobes or teeth, and the scape with many flowers.

FLOWERING

July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1873

ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

plantago: Old Latin name for flat-leaved plants

Reason For Introduction

Accidental

Reproduction

Seed.

Seed

seed is produced.

Dispersal

Soil movement, people.

Tolerances

Highly salt tolerant.



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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/plantago-coronopus/>