

Ribes sanguineum

COMMON NAMES

flowering currant

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous shrub 1-2 m high. Leaves, 4-8 by 4-9 cm, with 3-5 lobes, usually hairy with impressed veins above. Inflorescence is a raceme of 15 to many pale pink to red flowers. Fruit 5-7 mm diameter, globose, black, usually with whitish bloom.

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Ribes

FAMILY

Grossulariaceae

AUTHORITY

Ribes sanguineum Pursh

FLOWERING

August, September, October, November

FRUITING

November-March

YEAR NATURALISED

1904

ORIGIN

West N America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial.



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ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC. 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ribes-sanguineum/>

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