Sonchus asper

COMMON NAMES
prickly sow thistle

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Yellow

GENUS
Sonchus

FAMILY
Asteraceae

AUTHORITY
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ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

YEAR NATURALISED
1870

ORIGIN
Europe, N. Africa, N. and W. Asia

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING
FACU: Facultative Upland
Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY
sonchus: Sow thistle

NVS CODE
SONASP

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sonchus-asper/

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