

# Urtica urens

## COMMON NAMES

nettle, stinging nettle

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Erect annual that grows to 60cm tall. Has dark green, heart-shaped leaves (to 8cm long) in opposite pairs. Stinging bristles on the leaves and stems.

## HABITAT

Common throughout New Zealand. Gardens, under trees, disturbed pasture and sheep camps.

## GENUS

Urtica

## FAMILY

Urticaceae

## AUTHORITY

Urtica urens L.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1846

## ORIGIN

N. temperate regions

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Annual

## ETYMOLOGY

**urtica**: From the Latin verb urere which means "to burn"

## NVS CODE

URTURE

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/urtica-urens/>



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