

# Vicia faba

## COMMON NAMES

broad bean, fava bean, horse bean, English bean

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Black, White

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The plant is an erect, stiff-stemmed, leafy legume reaching 2-5 feet when mature. Small white flowers are borne in spikelets. Broad beans get their name from the seeds which are large and flat. Seeds are variable in size and shape, but usually are nearly round and white, green, buff, brown, purple, or black. Pods are large and thick, but vary from 2-12 inches in length.

## GENUS

Vicia

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

Vicia faba L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1922

## ORIGIN

Horticultural (crop)

## NVS CODE

VICFAB

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/vicia-faba/>

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