

Vicia sativa

COMMON NAME

vetch

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Vicia sativa L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

VICSAT

FEATURES

Slender to stout scrambling or tufted annual; leaflets in 4-8 pairs often alternate; flowers purple, sometimes white or pink; blackish or brownish/black pod 30-60mm long with 5-12 seeds.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

YEAR NATURALISED

1867

ORIGIN

W. and S. Europe to W. Asia, N. Africa

Life Cycle Comments

Long-lived seed bank.

Dispersal

Seeds are dispersed by explosion of the seed pod.

MORE INFORMATION

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



Vicia sativa. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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