

# Allium vineale var. compactum

## COMMON NAME

wild onion

## FAMILY

Alliaceae

## AUTHORITY

Allium vineale var. compactum (Thuill.) Lej. & Courtois

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## SIMILAR TAXA

Stems 30 to 90 cm tall, smooth and waxy. Leaves slender, hollow, nearly round, attached to lower half of stem. aerial bulblets form in a cluster at top of stem, are oval and smooth with shiny covering. Flowers greenish-white, small, on short stems above aerial bulblets (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

## FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

## YEAR NATURALISED

1868

## ORIGIN

Europe, N. America

## ETYMOLOGY

**allium:** Possibly from the Latin word for garlic or the Celtic word all 'pungent' or 'burning'

## Reproduction

Seeds, aerial bulblets, underground bulblets (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

## Seed

Seeds black, flat on one side, about 3mm long; formed only occasionally (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

## Dispersal

Dispersed by vertebrates and possibly wind (Atkinson 1997).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/allium-vineale-var-compactum/>



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