

# Plantago coronopus

## COMMON NAMES

buck's horn plantain

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

Plantago coronopus L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

PLACOR

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Extensively naturalised in coastal areas. common around lowland lakes inland, in waste places and other modified areas.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Annual or perennial herb with persistent taproot. Leaves all radical, 120 x 5 mm with 1-4 pairs of lobes or teeth. Flowering stem up to 45 cm long, usually clothed in hairs, cylindrical spike contains many flowers. Capsule up to 2 mm long, usually containing 4 small pinkish-brown seeds.

## SIMILAR TAXA

*P. coronopis* is a very variable species in New Zealand. Can be distinguished by the combination of the radical leaves with lobes or teeth, and the scape with many flowers.

## FLOWERING

July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

## LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces by seed. Dispersed by soil movement and humans.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1873

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Accidental



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## TOLERANCES

Highly salt tolerant.

## ETYMOLOGY

**plantago**: Old Latin name for flat-leaved plants

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/plantago-coronopus/>

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