

Polygonum aviculare

COMMON NAMES

wireweed

FAMILY

Polygonaceae

AUTHORITY

Polygonum aviculare L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

POLAVI

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Stems bluish-green, leafy, wiry, extending 10 to 60 cm in all directions from the small taproot and forming a dense mat. Each joint or node covered with a thin papery sheath. Leaves bluish-green, alternate, oblong, narrowed at the base, pointed at tip. Flowers very small, yellow or white, borne in clusters in the leaf axils (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

SIMILAR TAXA

Polygonum arenastrum

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds small, slender, reddish-brown, triangular (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

YEAR NATURALISED

1853

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

aviculare: Small bird

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/polygonum-aviculare/>

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