

Persicaria maculosa

COMMON NAMES

willow weed, redshank

SYNONYMS

Polygonum persicaria

FAMILY

Polygonaceae

AUTHORITY

Persicaria maculosa Gray

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

POLPER

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Stems smooth sometimes hairy, much-branched, 15 to 90 cm tall. Leaves alternate, pointed at both ends, 2.5 to 15 cm long, with smooth edges and usually a dark spot in the middle. Sheath at base of the leaf fringed with short bristles (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds almost circular, flattened.

YEAR NATURALISED

1878

ORIGIN

Temperate N. Hemisphere.

ETYMOLOGY

persicaria: Medieval name referring to the likeness of the leaves to a peach tree

maculosa: From Latin 'macula' blotch, meaning full of blotches or mottled

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/persicaria-maculosa/>

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