

Brassica juncea var. juncea

COMMON NAME

Indian mustard, brown mustard, mizuna

SYNONYMS

The salad vegetable known as Mizuna has been named as *Brassica rapa* subsp. *nipposinica* (L.H.Bailey) Hanelt

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Brassica juncea (L) Czern. var. *juncea*

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The form known as Mizuna occurs with green or red foliage.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Self-establishes freely from seed

YEAR NATURALISED

1979

ORIGIN

S. & E. Asia. The form long known as *Brassica japonica* (vernacular: Mizuna) is included here in *B. juncea*, in line with the taxonomic treatment offered in the *Flora Chinensis* Vol. 8.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

vegetable, salad green

ETYMOLOGY

brassica: From the Latin *brassica* used by Pliny the Elder, derived from the Celtic *bresic*, the name for cabbage.

juncea: Rush-like

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/brassica-juncea-var-juncea/>



Brassica juncea var. *juncea* plants showing lower cauline leaves (wild plants), St Lukes Road, Mt Albert, Auckland. Photographer: Peter J. de Lange, Date taken: 29/08/2006, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Self-established plants from nearby garden; West St, Feilding. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 27/06/2012, Licence: CC BY-NC.