

Epilobium tetragonum

COMMON NAME

tall willowherb

FAMILY

Onagraceae

AUTHORITY

Epilobium tetragonum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

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

SIMILAR TAXA

Floral tube with an evident ring of hairs inside; Leaves narrowly lanceolate to narrowly elliptic, evidently decurrent into raised lines on stem; plants forming rosettes near base in autumn.

YEAR NATURALISED

1947

ORIGIN

W. to C. Asia N. Africa, Macronesia

ETYMOLOGY

epilobium: From the Greek epi- 'upon' and lobos 'a pod', the flowers appearing to be growing on the seed pod.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/epilobium-tetragonum/>

