

Ficinia marginata

COMMON NAME

coarse club-rush

SYNONYMS

Isolepis marginata (Thunb.) A.Dietr.; *Scirpus marginatus* Thunb.; *Ficinia marginata* (Thunb.) Fourc.

FAMILY

Cyperaceae

AUTHORITY

Ficinia marginata (Thunb.) A.Dietr.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Sedges

NVS CODE

FICMAR

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Short-stature, open vegetation on wetland margins and dune hollows, or in dry sites such as coastal cliff-tops.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

YEAR NATURALISED

1971

ORIGIN

Southern Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Unknown—perhaps a seed or soil contaminant.

ETYMOLOGY

ficinia: Named after Heinrich David Auguste Ficus, 19th century German botanist

marginata: From the Latin *marginatus* 'edge, margin', where one colour is surrounded by a very narrow rim of another

TAXONOMIC NOTES

To achieve monophyly of *Ficinia*, a subset of *Isolepis* species grouped from a nuclear phylogeny, including *I. marginata*, have been reclassified as *Ficinia*. These species were resolved outside the core *Isolepis*. Although they lack a gynophore (a stalk or stipe raising the base of the ovary above the level of attachment of the perianth), a diagnostic for *Ficinia*, the authors (Muasya & Larridon 2021) felt it was better to place them in that genus.



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