

# Amaranthus hybridus var. erythrosthachys

## COMMON NAME

slim amaranth

## FAMILY

Amaranthaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Amaranthus hybridus* var. *erythrosthachys* Moq.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Annual to 1m tall. Lamina up to 15 x 7.5 cm. Inflorescence a much-branched panicle, either crimson or green (Webb et al 1988). Seeds shiny, black, lens-shaped, about 1mm diameter (Wax et al 1981).

## SIMILAR TAXA

Var. *erythrosthachys* has a crimson inflorescence and is cultivated as an ornamental. Var. *hybridus* has a smaller green inflorescence and is often confused with the other weedy amaranths (Webb et al 1988).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

1983

## ORIGIN

Var. *hybridus* - possibly the New World. Var. *erythrosthachys* - probably in cultivation.

## ETYMOLOGY

**amaranthus:** From the Greek a- 'without' or 'lacking' and maraino 'to fade', meaning unfading and referring to the durability of the flowers of some species

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/amaranthus-hybridus-var-erythrosthachys/>



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