

# Arctium minus subsp. minus

## COMMON NAME

burdock

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Arctium minus* (Hill) Bernh. subsp. minus

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Forest margins, waste places, roadsides, creek beds.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Large biennial herb usually 1-1.5 m tall. Stems grooved and with sparse hairs. Basal leaves deltoid up to 40 x 30 cm, green above and white and densely felty beneath, on hollow petioles. Upper leaves similar to lower but becoming smaller. Inflorescence a raceme of small reddish purple flowers, with green bracts. Seed 5-7 mm long with pappus attached.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Can be distinguished from the very similar *A. lappa* by the hollow petioles/.

## FLOWERING

January, February, March, April

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

## FRUITING

February, March, April, May

## YEAR NATURALISED

1894

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

## ETYMOLOGY

**minus**: Small; from the Latin minor



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**Reason For Introduction**

Accidental

**Reproduction**

reproduces from seed.

**Seed**

many seeds are produced

**Dispersal**

Wind, water, people

**Tolerances**

Moderately shade tolerant.

**MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/arctium-minus-subsp-minus/>