

Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera

COMMON NAME

Brussels sprouts

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Brassica oleracea var. *gemmifera* (DC.) Zenker

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

ETYMOLOGY

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

gemmifera: From Latin *gemma* 'bud' and *ferre* 'to bear'

Reason For Introduction

Vegetable

Life Cycle Comments

Annual to Biennial

Reproduction

Exclusively by seed

Seed

Long-lived forms a large seed bank

Dispersal

Mainly by humans and as accidental contaminant in top soil or grass seed

MORE INFORMATION

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

