

Brassica oleracea var. italica

COMMON NAME

broccoli

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Brassica oleracea var. *italica* Plenck.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

ETYMOLOGY

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

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-italica/>



Brassica oleracea var. *italica* showing emergent inflorescence, Upper Motions Road, near MOTAT2, Auckland. Photographer: Peter J. de Lange, Date taken: 24/06/2006, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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