

Chenopodium album

COMMON NAME

fathen

FAMILY

Amaranthaceae

AUTHORITY

Chenopodium album L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

CHEALB

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

Taproot short and much branched. Stems 0.9 to 1.2 m tall, smooth, grooved, often with red or light green striations. Branching varies from little to much, depending on competition. Leaves alternate 2.5 to 7.5 cm long, smooth, usually white mealy-coated, especially on underside and in early stages, and with edges more or less toothed. Flowers small, green, without petals, borne at ends of branches and in the axils of leaves (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1867

ORIGIN

Temperate Eurasia, N. Africa

ETYMOLOGY

chenopodium: From the Greek chen 'goose' and pous 'foot', referring to the shape of the leaves

album: From the Latin albus 'white'

Reproduction

seed

Seed

Seed, shiny, black, disk-shaped, 1.5 mm in diameter with a grey hull (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/chenopodium-album/>



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