

Equisetum fluviatile

COMMON NAME

Water horsetail

FAMILY

Equisetaceae

AUTHORITY

Equisetum fluviatile L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Ferns

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

No flowers

LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces by spores and rhizomes; dispersed by wind and vegetative spread by water and as accidental pot contaminants

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

equisetum: From the Latin equus 'horse' and setum 'bristle', the barren growths resembling horses' tails.

fluviatile: Growing by water; from the Latin fluvius

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/equisetum-fluviatile/>

