

Ornithopus compressus

COMMON NAME

Yellow serradella

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Ornithopus compressus L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Tap-rooted, hairy, yellow-flowered annual.

DISTRIBUTION

Records in NZ from coastal north and south of Auckland, and from Horowhenua, 2017-2022

SIMILAR TAXA

Other *Ornithopus* species but this is the most hairy

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

FRUITING

Curved pods

LIFE CYCLE

Seed

YEAR NATURALISED

2017

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Had been trialed as a fodder crop near Rotorua in 1982 but did not survive (specimen cited in Aust. Virtual Herbarium)

TOLERANCES

Likely to spread in sandy soils

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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