

# Panicum capillare

## COMMON NAME

witchgrass

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Panicum capillare* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

PANCAP

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Annual with fibrous roots, reproducing by seeds. Stems 25–75 cm tall, often spreading and branched. Leaves and especially the leaf sheaths covered with dense soft hairs. Panicle much branched, becoming spreading and open at maturity, often breaking from stem and blown about by wind. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

## YEAR NATURALISED

1916

## ORIGIN

North America

## Seed

Seeds 1.5 mm long, greenish or greyish, shiny, smooth, readily separated from hulls when ripe. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

## Dispersal

Wind.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Wax LM, Fawcett RS, Isley D, eds. 1981. Weeds of the North Central States. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agriculture, Illinois, USA. 303 p.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/panicum-capillare/>



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