

Panicum miliaceum

COMMON NAME

broomcorn millet

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Panicum miliaceum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

PANMIL

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Annual with fibrous roots reproducing by seeds. Stems 0.5–1.5 m tall, either spreading or erect, branched. Leaves and especially leaf sheaths covered with dense stiff hairs. Panicle resembling that of *P. dichotomiflorum* but larger. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

YEAR NATURALISED

1916

ORIGIN

Asia

Seed

Seeds 2.4–3 mm long, oval, brown to black, shiny, smooth, readily separated from hulls, resembling domestic proso millet.

Tolerances

Grows rapidly; is particularly well adapted to sandy or droughty soils and hot weather. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

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-miliaceum/>

