

# Persicaria punctata

## COMMON NAME

American willow weed

## SYNONYMS

Polygonum punctatum

## FAMILY

Polygonaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Persicaria punctata* (Elliott) Small

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

PERPUN

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1976

## ORIGIN

N. and S. America

## ETYMOLOGY

**persicaria:** Medieval name referring to the likeness of the leaves to a peach tree

**punctata:** From the Latin punctatus 'dotted', referring to a patten of small round dots

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/persicaria-punctata/>

