

Phragmites karka

COMMON NAME

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SYNONYMS

Many authors include *P. karka* in *P. australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud., and the two reportedly hybridise where their natural ranges overlap, e.g. Pakistan. *Arundo karka* Retz.; *Arundo roxburghii* Kunth; *Phragmites maxima* (Forssk.) Blatter & McCann; *Phragmites nepalensis* Nees ex Steud.; *Phragmites roxburghii* (Kunth) Steud.

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Phragmites karka (Retz.) Trin. ex Steud.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

.Perennial rhizomatous grass, deciduous in winter

HABITAT

(In NZ), recorded from estuaries and wet grassland.

SIMILAR TAXA

Phragmites australis

YEAR NATURALISED

2006 (first confirmed record in NZ)

ORIGIN

Africa, India, New Guinea and northern Australia (FAO website).

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

unknown

ATTRIBUTION

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/phragmites-karka/>



Kitchener Park, Feilding. Showing collar-ligule area at top of sheath, for *Phragmites karka* (on right) and *Arundo donax* (on left - plant from a Whanganui garden). Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 28/01/2021, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Kitchener Park, Feilding. Ligule-collar area at top of stem sheath. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 28/01/2021, Licence: CC BY-NC.