

Ranunculus bulbosus subsp. bulbosus

COMMON NAME

bulbous buttercup

FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

AUTHORITY

Ranunculus bulbosus L. subsp. bulbosus

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Perennial; leaves arise from swollen rootstock which is obvious only in large plants; flowering stems to more than 50 cm tall, much-branched. Flowers have reflexed sepals, these being the most obvious field character for distinguishing this species from *R. repens*.

HABITAT

Gardens, lawns, pasture, boggy wetland edges.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

SIMILAR TAXA

Ranunculus repens often grows in similar sites and has flowers about the same size and colour as *R. bulbosus*. However, *R. repens* has stolons and its flowers have spreading, not reflexed, sepals.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1872

ORIGIN

Europe, Asia, N.Africa

ETYMOLOGY

ranunculus: From the Latin 'rana' frog, meaning little frog and probably refers to the plants typical marshy habit where frogs abound

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ranunculus-bulbosus-subsp-bulbosus/>



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