

# Saccharum officinarum

## COMMON NAME

sugar cane

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Saccharum officinarum* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Sporadic weed—often on the margins of legal and illegal rubbish dumps, or found established at the base of garden refuse dumps bordering forest, mangrove swamps and gullies in northern New Zealand.

## FLOWERING

Rarely seen in New Zealand

## FRUITING

Never seen in New Zealand

## LIFE CYCLE

Long-lived perennial grass. Reproduction is exclusively vegetative through disassociation of rhizomes. No seed is produced in New Zealand (rarely throughout the world). Dispersed by dumping garden waste and rubbish.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1989

## ORIGIN

Tropics—an ancient cultigen derived from past hybridism

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental and Cultural

## CONTROL TECHNIQUES

### Disposal Method

Dig up and burn

## TOLERANCES

Cold intolerant. Flourishes in open, damp, humid conditions. Tolerant of brackish water.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/saccharum-officinarum/>



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