

Vicia faba

COMMON NAME

broad bean, fava bean, horse bean, English bean

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Vicia faba L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The plant is an erect, stiff-stemmed, leafy legume reaching 2-5 feet when mature. Small white flowers are borne in spikelets. Broad beans get their name from the seeds which are large and flat. Seeds are variable in size and shape, but usually are nearly round and white, green, buff, brown, purple, or black. Pods are large and thick, but vary from 2-12 inches in length.

FLOWER COLOURS

Black, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1922

ORIGIN

Horticultural (crop)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/vicia-faba/>

