

# Vicia sativa

## COMMON NAME

vetch

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

Vicia sativa L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

VICSAT

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Slender to stout scrambling or tufted annual; leaflets in 4-8 pairs often alternate; flowers purple, sometimes white or pink; blackish or brownish/black pod 30-60mm long with 5-12 seeds.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

W. and S. Europe to W. Asia, N. Africa

## Life Cycle Comments

Long-lived seed bank.

## Dispersal

Seeds are dispersed by explosion of the seed pod.

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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