

Dipogon lignosus

COMMON NAME

mile-a-minute

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Dipogon lignosus (L.) Verdc.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Forest edge, shrublands, track or road sides in open sun

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A scrambler climber with three delta shaped leaflets up to 55mm. Typical pea type flowers of purple, red, pink and white shadings to 15 mm. Seed pods, boat shaped to 40 mm. (T. McCluggage)

SIMILAR TAXA

Climbing perennial herb with pea-like flowers (National Surveillance Pest Plants)

FLOWERING

July, August, September, October, November, December, January.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. seeds (T. McCluggage pers com). Suspected water dispersal and possible spread by birds in nesting material (DoC, 1998). Gravity, water, birds?, humans. (T. McCluggage pers com)

YEAR NATURALISED

1871

ORIGIN

S Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/pest-plant-accord/).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dipogon-lignosus/>



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