



Allium triquetrum

Common Name(s):

onion weed

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Disturbed forest and shrubland, streamsides, herbfields, bare land. Especially after spraying or other clearance to bare land.

Features:

Perennial herb to about 60 cm, strong garlic smell. Bulbs to 10-15 mm diameter, with offset bulbs. Leaves 2-5, linear, fleshy, keeled, 20-60 cm long, with white papery sheaths. The leaves usually die back in late spring. Flower stalk is three-sided, 20-60 cm high, fleshy and soft, sheathed by leaves at the base. Flowers are bell-shaped, 10-15 mm long, 5 petalled, white with green stripe on the petals, on drooping stalks. Seed capsules 7 mm diameter containing small black seeds.

Flowering:

October, November

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2483



Caption: Hutt Valley. Sep 2007.

Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



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