



Glyceria fluitans

Common Name(s):

floating sweetgrass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Throughout New Zealand.

Habitat:

Aquatic in drains and other slow flowing waterbodies. Damp ground in swamps and pastures, drains and river banks.

Features*:

Perennial marginal aquatic grass, loosely tufted or forming loose masses in shallow water. Culm (20)-45-75 cm. , erect or spreading, sometimes prostrate or floating at base. Leaf blade bright green 10-23 cm, folded at first then becoming flat. Panicle (20)-30-55 cm.

Flowering:

Spring/summer.

Fruiting:

late spring-autumn

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For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3972



Caption: *Glyceria fluitans*

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