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## Book review: An illustrated guide to the common weeds of New Zealand Mike Wilcox

This attractive book describes and illustrates 320 species of weeds in New Zealand – mainly introduced plants, but also a few natives as well. Grasses, sedges and rushes are only summarily treated. The arrangement of the species is alphabetical by family, and alphabetical by genus, as in Flora Vol. IV – good on them! The plant descriptions include notes on habitat and distribution, and mention is made of allied species. There is a colour flower guide to species, a glossary, and references.

The illustrations, descriptions, and species coverage are good, so the book should be useful anywhere in New Zealand for identifying the main weeds encountered on wasteland and road edges, in fields and gardens, and also the environmental weeds of wetlands and disturbed bush.

An illustrated guide to the common weeds of New Zealand by B. Roy, I. Popay, P. Champion, T. James, A. Rahman.

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