

Nemesia floribunda

FAMILY

Scrophulariaceae

AUTHORITY

Nemesia floribunda Lehm.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

NEMFLO

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

An annual or possibly short-lived perennial erect herb. It has hairless 4-angled stems to 30 cm tall which often branch from the base. The leaves are 1.5 - 6.5 cm long by 1 - 2.5 cm wide, hairless and ovate to upper lanceolate in shape, with coarse irregular serrations. The leaf base is truncated and rounded, with a slightly wavy leaf blade, while the tip is acute. The inflorescence is lax, 3 - 12 cm long, with fragrant white flowers (8 - 11 mm long) on slender stalks. The calyx is minutely hairy. The flowers are bilobed, with the upper lip being 3 - 4mm long and the lower lip 5 - 6 mm long. The capsule is 10-12 long and 6-8 mm wide, and is broadly oblong in shape with a rounded base. The valves diverge at an obtuse angle. The seeds are about 1mm long, with broad wings. Flowers February - Sept.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

South Africa

ETYMOLOGY

nemesia: The name "Nemesia" is derived from the name "Nemesion", the generic name of a similar plant.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/nemesia-floribunda/>



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