

Argemone ochroleuca

COMMON NAMES

Mexican poppy

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

GENUS

Argemone

FAMILY

Papaveraceae

AUTHORITY

Argemone ochroleuca Sweet

YEAR NATURALISED

1895

ORIGIN

Mexico

ETYMOLOGY

argemone: Derivation uncertain, one possible explanation is the name is from the Greek argemos, 'a white spot on the eye' (cataract) which the plant is supposed to cure. Another possibility is the name is derived from argos 'slothful, referring to the narcotic effects of the poppy.

ochroleuca: Pale ochre-coloured

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/argemone-ochroleuca/>

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