

Borago officinalis

COMMON NAMES

borage

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Blue, White

GENUS

Borago

FAMILY

Boraginaceae

AUTHORITY

Borago officinalis L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1970

ORIGIN

C. Europe, Mediterranean

ETYMOLOGY

borago: Derivation uncertain, may be from medieval Latin borra or burra 'rough hair' in reference to the foliage. Linnaeus states the name derives from corago (from the Latin cor 'heart' and ago 'to act') from its use in medicine in medicine as a heart sedative

officinalis: From the Latin officina shortened from opificina which originally meant 'workshop' but later came to mean a monastic storeroom, herb-room or pharmacy. Refers to the plant's real or perceived medicinal value.

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/borago-officinalis/>

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