

# Capsicum annuum

## COMMON NAMES

capsicum, chile, chili, Japanese mustard, pepper, pimiento, red pepper

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## GENUS

Capsicum

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

Capsicum annuum L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ETYMOLOGY

**capsicum:** From the Greek word kapto (to bite) which refers to the fiery flavor found in many peppers.

**annuum:** From the Latin annuus 'year', referring to a plant which completes its life cycle in a single year

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/capsicum-annuum/>

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