

Cedronella canariensis

COMMON NAMES

balm of Gilead

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

GENUS

Cedronella

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

AUTHORITY

Cedronella canariensis (L.) Webb & Berthel.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1883

ORIGIN

Canary Is, Madeira

ETYMOLOGY

cedronella: From the Greek cedros 'cedar' as described by the naturalist Pliny the elder, perhaps alluding to strong aromatic smell.

canariensis: From the Canary Islands

NVS CODE

CEDCAN

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cedronella-canariensis/>

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