

Centella asiatica

COMMON NAMES

gotu kola, Indian pennywort, Asiatic pennywort, spadefleaf, coinwort

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

HABITAT

Found 5 December 2006 in Auckland, Mt Albert, as a lawn verge and gutter weed. Eradication attempted.

GENUS

Centella

FAMILY

Apiaceae

AUTHORITY

Centella asiatica (L.) Urb.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

November - March

FRUITING

January - May

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

ORIGIN

Asia

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Salad vegetable, medicinal plant (culinary vegetable and is used in traditional medicine).

TOLERANCES

Cold sensitive

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Long-lived perennial, creeping herb. Reproduces by asexual and sexual means - plants extensively stoloniferous. Seed us long-lived, dispersed by water and by soil movement.



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ETYMOLOGY

centella: Little spike

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/centella-asiatica/>

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