

Cerastium arvense

COMMON NAMES

field chickweed

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

GENUS

Cerastium

FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

AUTHORITY

Cerastium arvense L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1878

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

cerastium: From the Greek keras 'horn', referring to the seed capsules of some species looking like horns as they emerge from the calyx.

arvense: Growing in arable fields

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cerastium-arvense/>

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