

# Cerastium fontanum subsp. vulgare

## SYNONYMS

*Cerastium vulgatum* L.

## FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Cerastium fontanum* subsp. *vulgare* (Hartm.) Greuter et Burdet

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

CERFSV

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## ETYMOLOGY

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

**fontanum:** From the Latin *fons* 'fountain, spring', means growing near springs or damp places

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cerastium-fontanum-subsp-vulgare/>



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