

Cerastium semidecandrum

COMMON NAMES

little mouse ear chickweed

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Small annual herb; stem leaves sessile, hairy. Flowers with petals < sepals; sepal hairs glandular but not reaching sepal tip. Pedicels elongating at fruiting stage, longer than the sepals and with glandular hairs.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Cerastium

FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

AUTHORITY

Cerastium semidecandrum L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

Oct-Nov

YEAR NATURALISED

1968

ORIGIN

Europe, Asia Minor

ETYMOLOGY

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

NVS CODE

CERSEM

MORE INFORMATION

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

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