

# Cotula discolor

## COMMON NAME

cotula

## SYNONYMS

Incorrectly known as *C. lineariloba* (a different species) in many web sites and publications.

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Cotula discolor* (DC.) J.C. Manning & Mucina

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Mat-forming, rooting at nodes; conspicuously hairy leaves and stems; capitula on long slender stems; yellow tubular florets with outer ring of very small ligulate florets

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

rooted pieces; layering

## SUBSTRATE

Any well-drained soils, gravel, sand

## YEAR NATURALISED

2002

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

ornamental

## ETYMOLOGY

**cotula:** Little cup, from the Greek kotule (small cup), referring to the cupped area at the base of the leaves

**discolor:** Two colours or of different colours; from the latin dis and color; different colours of the leaf surfaces

## ATTRIBUTION

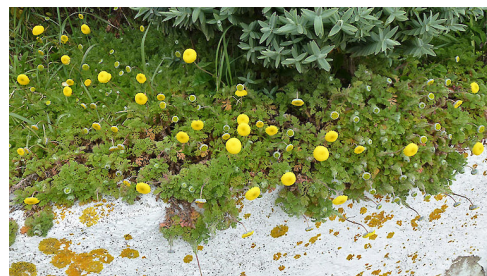
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## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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#### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cotula-discolor/>