

Daphne laureola

COMMON NAME

Spurge laurel

FAMILY

Thymelaeaceae

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Trees & Shrubs

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1959

ORIGIN

S.W. Europe, N. Africa.

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Unknown

ETYMOLOGY

daphne: Named for the daughter of a river god in Greek mythology, who whilst being pursued by the god Apollo prayed she be turned into a tree to escape him.

laureola: From the Latin Laurus 'bay laurel', meaning 'little laurel'

POISONOUS PLANT

Poisonous if eaten.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/daphne-laureola/>



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