

# Datura stramonium

## COMMON NAME

thornapple

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

Datura stramonium L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## SIMILAR TAXA

White trumpet flowers (Landcare Research 1999).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

Tropical and Subtropical America

## ETYMOLOGY

**datura:** From the vernacular East Indian

**stramonium:** Old botanic Latin for 'thorn apple'

## POISONOUS PLANT

The black seed and other parts of the plant contain a powerful and toxic drug.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/datura-stramonium/>



Roadside near Manawatū River. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Datura stramonium. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth