

Euphorbia helioscopia

COMMON NAMES

sun spurge

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

GENUS

Euphorbia

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia helioscopia L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1855

ORIGIN

Europe, C. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

euphorbia: After Euphorbus, a Greek physician who served King Juba of Numidia in 12BC. Juba named a cactus to honour Euphorbus and later Linnaeus named the entire genus after the physician.

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-helioscopia/>

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