# **Euphorbia hirta**

## **COMMON NAME**

asthma plant

#### **FAMILY**

Euphorbiaceae

#### **AUTHORITY**

Euphorbia hirta L.

## **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

#### STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

## YEAR NATURALISED

1910

## **ORIGIN**

tropical America

#### **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.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-hirta/





On broken coral on formed path just behind foreshore, Lady Elliot Island, Queensland. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 01/01/2016, Licence: CC BY-NC.



On broken coral 'path' just behind foreshore; Lady Elliot Island, Queensland. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 01/01/2016, Licence: CC BY-NC.