

Euphorbia pulcherrima

COMMON NAME

poinsettia

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia pulcherrima Willd. ex Klotzsch

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

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.

Poisonous plant:

The milky sap of this species is poisonous.

MORE INFORMATION

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



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