

Euphorbia serpens

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

GENUS

Euphorbia

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia serpens Kunth

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

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.

serpens: Derived from Latin 'serpens', present active participle of serpo ("crawl, creep").

MORE INFORMATION

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

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