

Gnidia squarrosa

COMMON NAMES

Gnidia, yellow daphne

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A shrub, up to 1m high, of variable habit; branches sometimes long and simple, at others short and corymbosely or racemosely arranged, pilose when young, leaf-scars small, but rather prominent; leaves alternate, closely placed, 4-6 x 0.5-0.8 mm. linear-lanceolate, subacute, 1-nerved, flat or slightly keeled, quite glabrous; flowers in clusters of 6-many at the ends of the branches; calyx pilose; tube 3-6 mm long, narrowly ovoid and strongly ribbed in the lower half, narrowly funneliform above; lobes ovate, obtuse, 1.9-2.8 x 0.6-1.2 mm; petals 8, half as long as the lobes, anther-like, shortly stalked, emarginate; anthers 0.9-1.0 mm long; ovary oblong, compressed, hairy at the apex; style of variable length; stigma capitate. null

DISTRIBUTION

Exotic. Known as a garden escape from Whanganui. Occasionally sold and grown as a ornamental. Native to South Africa

HABITAT

Garden escape. Self seeding freely near parent plants in garden in Whanganui

GENUS

Gnidia

FAMILY

Thymelaeaceae

AUTHORITY

Gnidia squarrosa (L.) Druce

SYNONYMS

Gnidia polystachya P.J.Bergius, *Gnidia polystachya* P.J.Bergius var. *congesta* C.H.Wright

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Occasionally cultivated as an ornamental in New Zealand. Plants mostly grown from cuttings.



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ETYMOLOGY

gnidia: Named after the genus Gnidia which is also in the Thymelaeaceae family. Gnidia is named after Gnidus, a town in Crete.

squarrosa: Rough, with scale-like projections; from the Latin squarrosus; leaves and leaf stalks

ATTRIBUTION

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