

Hydrocotyle leucocephala

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Hydrocotyle

FAMILY

Araliaceae

AUTHORITY

Hydrocotyle leucocephala Cham. et Schltld.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural.

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial herb. Vegetative by stolons and/or rhizomes. Viable seed is occasionally produced. Dispersed through careless disposal of garden waste.

ETYMOLOGY

hydrocotyle: From the Greek hydor 'water' and cotyle 'cup', in reference to the cup-like hollow at the base of the leaf.

NVS CODE

HYDLEU

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hydrocotyle-leucocephala/>

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