

# Hypericum humifusum

## COMMON NAMES

trailing St John's wort

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## SIMILAR TAXA

*H. humifusum* superficially resembles the indigenous *H. japonicum* and *H. gramineum*, but these species do not have black glands on leaves or flowers. *H. humifusum* can always be distinguished from depauperate *H. perforatum* by the stems which are never erect, and the very unequal sepals.

## GENUS

*Hypericum*

## FAMILY

Hypericaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Hypericum humifusum* L.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

W. and C. Europe, Macronesia.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## ETYMOLOGY

**hypericum:** From the Greek hyper (above) and eikon (picture), the plant was hung above pictures to ward off evil spirits

## NVS CODE

HYPHUM

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hypericum-humifusum/>



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