

Hypericum montanum

COMMON NAMES

mountain St John's wort

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

SIMILAR TAXA

The rather similar *H. perforatum* and *H. pulchrum* grow in the same area of Marlborough, but it is distinguished from them by the hairy leaf undersurfaces and prominently lobed glandular-toothed sepals.

GENUS

Hypericum

FAMILY

Hypericaceae

AUTHORITY

Hypericum montanum L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1904

ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia, N. Africa

ETYMOLOGY

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

montanum: From the Latin mons 'mountain', meaning growing on mountains

NVS CODE

HYPMON

MORE INFORMATION

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

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