

Ipomoea batatas

COMMON NAMES

kūmara

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

GENUS

Ipomoea

FAMILY

Convolvulaceae

AUTHORITY

Ipomoea batatas (L.) Lam.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1867

ORIGIN

Probably N. South America

ETYMOLOGY

ipomoea: Worm-like, referring to coiled flower bud

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ipomoea-batatas/>

PDF DATE

27 May 2026



Ipomoea batatas. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Ipomoea batatas. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.