# Lactuca virosa

# **COMMON NAME**

acrid lettuce

#### **FAMILY**

Asteraceae

## **AUTHORITY**

Lactuca virosa L.

# **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## **NVS CODE**

**LACVIR** 

# **CONSERVATION STATUS**

Not applicable

# **FLOWER COLOURS**

Yellow

# YEAR NATURALISED

1940

## **ORIGIN**

S., W., and C. Europe, Asia, N. Africa

# **ETYMOLOGY**

lactuca: From the Latin lac 'milk', referring to the white juice.

## 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/lactuca-virosa/





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