Lantana montevidensis

COMMON NAMES
trailing lantana

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
Aromatic, semi-prostrate shrub, stems to about 20 cm high, +/- trailing, densely hairy but otherwa=ise not armed. Leaves 1.5-3 x 1-1.5 cm on petioles to c. 1 cm. Leaves narrow to broad ovate, crenate or crenate-serrate, hairy on both sides. Inflorescence corymbose, flowers pink to mauve. Fruit not seen.

SIMILAR TAXA
Stems trailing, scabrid but not prickly; corolla always pink or mauve.

HABITAT
Terrestrial.

GENUS
Lantana

FAMILY
Verbenaceae

AUTHORITY
Lantana montevidensis (Spreng.) Briq.

FLOWERING
January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

YEAR NATURALISED
1978

ORIGIN
Argentina, Uruguay

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Ornamental

TOLERANCES
Is more tolerant of cold than Lantana camara (Webb et al 1988).

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
Perennial.

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lantana-montevidensis/

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