Medicago arabica

COMMON NAMES
spotted bur medick

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Yellow

GENUS
Medicago

FAMILY
Fabaceae

AUTHORITY
Medicago arabica (L.) Huds.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

YEAR NATURALISED
1867

ORIGIN
Europe, Canary Island, Asia Minor, S.W. Asia, N. Africa

ETYMOLOGY
medicago: Derived indirectly from the Persian name Media (an Iranian kingdom in existence from late second millennium BC to the first millennium BC), whence alfalfa allegedly originates.

NVS CODE
MEDARA

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/medicago-arabica/

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