

# Medicago arabica

## COMMON NAME

spotted bur medick

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

Medicago arabica (L.) Huds.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

MEDARA

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## 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.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/medicago-arabica/>



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