

Medicago polymorpha

COMMON NAMES

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BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

GENUS

Medicago

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Medicago nigra (L.) Krock.

SYNONYMS

Medicago nigra (L.) Krock., *Medicago polymorpha* var. *nigra* L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1855

ORIGIN

Europe, 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

MEDNIG

MORE INFORMATION

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

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