

Medicago sativa

COMMON NAMES

lucerne

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

GENUS

Medicago

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Medicago sativa L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1875

ORIGIN

Mediterranean, W. Asia

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

MEDSAT

MORE INFORMATION

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

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