

# Melilotus officinalis

## COMMON NAME

yellow sweet clover

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Melilotus officinalis* (L.) Lam.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

MLLOFF

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1878

## ORIGIN

Europe, Asia

## ETYMOLOGY

**officinalis:** From the Latin officina shortened from opificina which originally meant 'workshop' but later came to mean a monastic storeroom, herb-room or pharmacy. Refers to the plant's real or perceived medicinal value.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melilotus-officinalis/>

