

Melissa officinalis

COMMON NAMES

lemon balm

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

GENUS

Melissa

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

AUTHORITY

Melissa officinalis L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1904

ORIGIN

Eurasia

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.

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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