

Mercurialis annua

COMMON NAMES

Mercury

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

GENUS

Mercurialis

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Mercurialis annua L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1904

ORIGIN

Europe, Mediterranean to Iran

ETYMOLOGY

annua: From the Latin annuus 'year', referring to a plant which completes its life cycle in a single year

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/mercurialis-annua/>

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