

# Oxalis corniculata subsp. corniculata var. atropurpurea

## COMMON NAMES

creeping woodsorrel, horned oxalis

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Mostly rosettes of ground-hugging foliage; lacking bulbs, tap root thicker than in var. *corniculata*; occasionally rooting at nodes; foliage and stems purple-green; leaves glabrous above; peduncle and calyx purple, capsule hairs rather dense and  $\pm$  touching, eglandular, seed c. 1.5 mm long usually with 9-11 acute ridges.

## HABITAT

Gardens, most commonly in sunny sites with shallow soils such as rock gardens, around the bases of potted plants and gravel paths and driveways.

## GENUS

*Oxalis*

## FAMILY

Oxalidaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Oxalis corniculata* subsp. *corniculata* var. *atropurpurea* Planch.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds dispersed by ballistic projection, wind and water (Thorsen et al., 2009)

## ETYMOLOGY

**oxalis**: From the Greek word *oxus* meaning acid or sharp



Stipules. Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt.  
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