

# Oxalis purpurea

## COMMON NAMES

large-flowered oxalis

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb with dark-brown coated bulbs and white bulbils; stemless or a very short stem above ground; trifoliolate with lower surfaces of leaflets somewhat glossy, matt above; ciliated margins and sometimes sparsely hairy on surfaces. Flowers solitary on hairy peduncles; petals variable in colour - white, rose-pink, mauve-pink to magenta.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Dry sandy soils, especially in lawns and dunes

## GENUS

Oxalis

## FAMILY

Oxalidaceae

## AUTHORITY

Oxalis purpurea L.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FRUITING

Seed not known in New Zealand.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1883

## ORIGIN

South Africa

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Disperses as bulbs or bulbils through cultivation.

## ETYMOLOGY

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

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/oxalis-purpurea/>



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