

# Papaver argemone

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Black, Red/Pink

## GENUS

Papaver

## FAMILY

Papaveraceae

## AUTHORITY

Papaver argemone L.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1904

## ORIGIN

Europe, N. Africa, S.W. Asia

## ETYMOLOGY

**argemone:** Derivation uncertain, one possible explanation is the name is from the Greek argemos, 'a white spot on the eye' (cataract) which the plant is supposed to cure. Another possibility is the name is derived from argos 'slothful, referring to the narcotic effects of the poppy.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/papaver-argemone/>

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