Physalis peruviana

COMMON NAMES
Cape gooseberry

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Violet/Purple, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
Herb, grows 15-200 cm tall, densely hairy. Flowers pale yellow with patches of pale purple towards base, January-December. Fruit 10-20 mm diameter orange, sweet and enclosed in a lantern-like persistent calyx. (DoC 1998)



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HABITAT
Terrestrial.

GENUS
Physalis

FAMILY
Solanaceae

AUTHORITY
Physalis peruviana L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

FLOWERING
January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

YEAR NATURALISED
1843

ORIGIN
Tropical S. America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Agricultural

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
Animals eat & disperse seeds (Webb et al., 1988). Birds (Colin Ogle, pers. comm.).

NVS CODE
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MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/physalis-peruviana/

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