

# Solanum muricatum

## COMMON NAMES

pepino

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## GENUS

Solanum

## FAMILY

Solanaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Solanum muricatum* W.T.Aiton

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1989

## ORIGIN

Tropical Andes; possibly arose in cultivation in Peru

## ETYMOLOGY

**solanum:** Derivation uncertain - possibly from the Latin word sol, meaning "sun," referring to its status as a plant of the sun. Another possibility is that the root was solare, meaning "to soothe," or solamen, meaning "a comfort," which would refer to the soothing effects of the plant upon ingestion.

**muricatum:** Furnished with numerous short hard excrescences

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/solanum-muricatum/>

## PDF DATE

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