

Solanum nigrum

COMMON NAMES

black nightshade

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

GENUS

Solanum

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Solanum nigrum L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1853

ORIGIN

Eurasia

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

POISONOUS PLANT

Often mistaken for deadly nightshade. Recorded as being moderately toxic if eaten. The black berries are not very toxic.

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.

nigrum: Latin meaning black

NVS CODE

SOLNIG

MORE INFORMATION

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



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