

Solanum nitidibaccatum

COMMON NAMES

hairy 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 nitidibaccatum Bitter

SYNONYMS

Solanum physalifolium var. *nitidibaccatum*

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1968

ORIGIN

S. America

POISONOUS PLANT

The mottled green and white fruits are poisonous if eaten.

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.

ATTRIBUTION

Corrected the alternative name to *Solanum physalifolium* var. *nitidibaccatum* . C C Ogle 24 October 2019

MORE INFORMATION

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

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