

Solanum tuberosum

COMMON NAME

potato

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Solanum tuberosum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

SOLTUB

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1853

ORIGIN

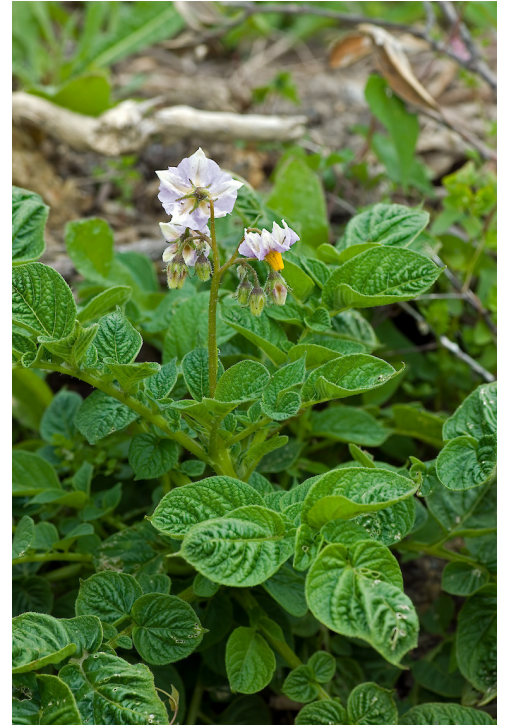
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ETYMOLOGY

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.

MORE INFORMATION

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



Garden discard. Silverstream, Upper Hutt.
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