

Symphytum officinale

COMMON NAMES

comfrey

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

GENUS

Symphytum

FAMILY

Boraginaceae

AUTHORITY

Symphytum officinale L.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1922

ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

officinale: From the Latin officina shortened from opificina which originally meant 'workshop' but later came to mean a monastic storeroom, herb-room or pharmacy. Refers to the plant's medicinal value.

NVS CODE

SYMOFF

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/symphytum-officinale/>

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