

# Verbascum thapsus

## COMMON NAMES

woolly mullein, common mullein

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Leaves are greyish with soft, velvety hairs.

## HABITAT

Roadsides, waste places, pasture.

## GENUS

Verbascum

## FAMILY

Scrophulariaceae

## AUTHORITY

Verbascum thapsus L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1867

## ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Biennial

## ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

**This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC.** 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

## NVS CODE

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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/verbascum-thapsus/>

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