

Verbascum blattaria

COMMON NAME

white mullein, moth mullein

FAMILY

Scrophulariaceae

AUTHORITY

Verbascum blattaria L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Roadsides, waste places, old fields.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Herbaceous biennial. To 150cm tall. Glandular hairs on stems. Leaves are glabrous, and initially develop in a basal rosette during the first year. Then alternate, and generally lanceolate leaves, irregularly toothed or lobed, grow from the erect unbranched stems. Has a tap root with a fibrous root system. Yellow or white flowers with red-purple stamens produced on terminal racemes to >40 cm tall. Fruit a round capsule.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1871

ORIGIN

Europe, Asia, N. Africa

MORE INFORMATION

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

