

Silene coronaria

COMMON NAME

rose campion

SYNONYMS

Agrostemma coronaria L., *Lychnis coronaria* (L.) Desr.

FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

SILCOR

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A clump forming perennial. The whole plant is densely covered in long woolly silvery hairs. Flowering stems erect 30 - 100cm tall. Lower leaves are loosely tufted and oblanceolate in shape tapering to long stalk; 10-25cm long by 2-4 cm wide. Purplish pink or white, flowers are borne in panicles on branching grey stems between December and February.

SIMILAR TAXA

Woolly silvery hairs distinguish rose campion from other *Silene* spp. in N.Z. (Webb et al. 1988)

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1878

ORIGIN

S.E. and C. Europe, N.W. Africa, Asia Minor

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/silene-coronaria/>



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