

# Melissa officinalis

## COMMON NAME

lemon balm

## FAMILY

Lamiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Melissa officinalis L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

MELOFF

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1904

## ORIGIN

Eurasia

## ETYMOLOGY

**officinalis:** 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 real or perceived medicinal value.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melissa-officinalis/>



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