

Cerastium semidecandrum

COMMON NAME

little mouse ear chickweed

FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

AUTHORITY

Cerastium semidecandrum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

CERSEM

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Small annual herb; stem leaves sessile, hairy. Flowers with petals < sepals; sepal hairs glandular but not reaching sepal tip. Pedicels elongating at fruiting stage, longer than the sepals and with glandular hairs.

FLOWERING

Oct-Nov

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1968

ORIGIN

Europe, Asia Minor

ETYMOLOGY

cerastium: From the Greek keras 'horn', referring to the seed capsules of some species looking like horns as they emerge from the calyx.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cerastium-semidecandrum/>



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