

Euphorbia helioscopia

COMMON NAME

sun spurge

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia helioscopia L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1855

ORIGIN

Europe, C. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

euphorbia: After Euphorbus, a Greek physician who served King Juba of Numidia in 12BC. Juba named a cactus to honour Euphorbus and later Linnaeus named the entire genus after the physician.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-helioscopia/>



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