

# Euphorbia characias subsp. characias

## COMMON NAME

Wulfen spurge

## FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Euphorbia characias* L. subsp. *characias*

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## YEAR NATURALISED

1981

## ORIGIN

Mediterranean, Portugal

## 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-characias-subsp-characias/>



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