

Euphorbia characias subsp. characias

COMMON NAMES

Wulfen spurge

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

GENUS

Euphorbia

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia characias L. subsp. *characias*

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

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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