

# Euphorbia amygdaloides

## COMMON NAMES

wood spurge

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## GENUS

Euphorbia

## FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Euphorbia amygdaloides L.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1992

## ORIGIN

C., S. and N.W. Europe, extending to Ukraine, Asia Minor, and N. Iran.

## 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.

**amygdaloides:** Meaning 'resembling the genus Amygdalus'. The derivation of Amygdalus is uncertain, it could be from the Greek amygdalus 'almond' or from amyssos 'to lacerate' in reference to the fissures in the seed. Some believe the name to be derived from the Hebrew word for vigilant, referring to the almonds early blooming.

## MORE INFORMATION

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

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