

Hypericum tetrapterum

COMMON NAME

square-stemmed St John's wort

FAMILY

Hypericaceae

AUTHORITY

Hypericum tetrapterum Fr.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

SIMILAR TAXA

Stems conspicuously 4-winged, erect, to 1m tall, with scattered black glands

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1940

ORIGIN

Europe, W. Asia, N. Africa

ETYMOLOGY

hypericum: From the Greek hyper (above) and eikon (picture), the plant was hung above pictures to ward off evil spirits

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hypericum-tetrapterum/>

