

Hypericum montanum

COMMON NAME

mountain St John's wort

FAMILY

Hypericaceae

AUTHORITY

Hypericum montanum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

HYPMON

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

The rather similar *H. perforatum* and *H. pulchrum* grow in the same area of Marlborough, but it is distinguished from them by the hairy leaf undersurfaces and prominently lobed glandular-toothed sepals.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1904

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

montanum: From the Latin mons 'mountain', meaning growing on mountains

MORE INFORMATION

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

