

Hypericum humifusum

COMMON NAME

trailing St John's wort

FAMILY

Hypericaceae

AUTHORITY

Hypericum humifusum L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

HYPHUM

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

SIMILAR TAXA

H. humifusum superficially resembles the indigenous *H. japonicum* and *H. gramineum*, but these species do not have black glands on leaves or flowers. *H. humifusum* can always be distinguished from depauperate *H. perforatum* by the stems which are never erect, and the very unequal sepals.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1867

ORIGIN

W. and C. Europe, Macronesia.

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-humifusum/>



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