

Cerastium fontanum subsp. fontanum

COMMON NAME

mouse ear chickweed

FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

AUTHORITY

Cerastium fontanum Baumq. subsp. *fontanum*

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

YEAR NATURALISED

1855

ORIGIN

N. Temperate

ETYMOLOGY

cerastium: From the Greek keras 'horn', referring to the seed capsules of some species looking like horns as they emerge from the calyx.

fontanum: From the Latin fons 'fountain, spring', means growing near springs or damp places

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cerastium-fontanum-subsp-fontanum/>

