

Euphorbia amygdaloides

COMMON NAME

wood spurge

FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

AUTHORITY

Euphorbia amygdaloides L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

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 amyso '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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