

# Euphorbia oblongata

## COMMON NAME

Balkan spurge, eggleaf spurge, oblong spurge

## SYNONYMS

Examination of specimens at the Allan Herbarium (CHR) shows that plants identified in the past as *Euphorbia depauperata* Hochst. ex A.Rich. are not that species but *Euphorbia oblongata* Griseb.

## FAMILY

Euphorbiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Euphorbia oblongata* Griseb.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## YEAR NATURALISED

1994

## ORIGIN

Eurasia

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## 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.

## Reason For Introduction

Probably horticultural

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/euphorbia-oblongata/>



*Euphorbia depauperata* var. *pubescens* naturalised in gravel footpath, Selcourt Street, Mt Albert, Auckland, January 2006. Photographer: Peter J. de Lange, Licence: CC BY-NC.



*Euphorbia depauperata* var. *pubescens* in flower, Selcourt Street, Mt Albert, Auckland, January 2006. Photographer: Peter J. de Lange, Licence: CC BY-NC.